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THIS MONTH . . . that means the man of the moment for both England and Milan, Mark Hateley. Known as Attila to his new admirers, the former Portsmouth spearhead is joint top scorer in Italy with four goals from the first five games. But he also established his right to be considered England's attacking leader with the two goals which helped Bobby Robson's men to their 5-0 thrashing of Finland at Wembley.

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Indep. riots

ENGLISH football isn't the only one with a hooligan problem. Four fans have been killed, dozens injured and many more arrested over the past year in Argentina. Latest trouble — with two fans seriously hurt — followed the 1-1 draw forced by Chacarita Juniors away to Independiente. The South American champions face Liverpool in the World Club Final next month.

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Mark Hateley thrashes home the first England goal in the 5-0 victory over Finland at Wembley.

Germans hit back for Beckenbauer

WEST GERMANY answered an astonishing attack by their own manager to snatch a 2-0 victory over Sweden and set their World Cup campaign under way.

Uwe Rahn, scoring with his first kick in international football after appearing as a 74th-minute substitute, rewarded West German pressure in Cologne in European qualifying group two.

Then, with two minutes remaining, skipper Karl-Heinz Rummenigge popped in the second goal to make the points secure in a group which promises plenty more action, given the current form of Portugal and the potential of both the Swedes and Czechoslovakia.

But that all is not well in the state of West German football was clear from the savage attack launched by new team chief Franz Beckenbauer in — of all places — Playboy.

First target for Beckenbauer was the lack of professional dedication among the present generation of West German stars.

Most were, he said, paid too much and had no realistic idea of their limitation as players. He considered that standards in the Bundesliga had fallen from "the best in the world to international average", but regretted that "unfortunately our professional players still have not realised the truth".

West German football had been in decline since the World Cup win of 1974 — when Beckenbauer was their captain and inspiration — and the slide had accelerated over the past two years.

It wasn't just players who were to blame. The much-vaunted West German coaching system was also at fault for placing the emphasis in club work on developing the strength and fitness of young players rather than their technical skills.

Players then grew up lacking a realistic sense of values both in football and in life in general.

Beckenbauer bluntly demanded "an end to all this frustrating pushing the ball backwards and forwards by fat-cat professionals — men with 400,000DM contracts (£107,000), Cartier gold chains around their necks, sunglasses in their tailored silk shirt pockets and Porsches in the stadium car parks".

The West German team chief was equally adamant that he could do nothing to institute a change in attitudes overnight and thus it was no good the fans expecting an immediate resurrection of the national team.

He could try to motivate the players but his arrival in place of Jupp Derwall was no guarantee of instant success and — most certainly — the Germans' chances of winning the 1986 World Cup remained "extremely slim".

West German managers have always been cautious in their forecasts — just as England managers have learned to be. The last positive statement of intent from an England boss was when Alf Ramsay said, well over two years before the 1966 finals: "We will win the World Cup."

Bobby Robson's tenure as England manager did not start in the best of circumstances with failure to qualify for the European finals. But two-goal Mark Hateley delivered the goods at Wembley in the 5-0 win against Finland to give the 1966 World Cup-holders a touch of confidence to take to Istanbul for the awkward November tie against Turkey.

The Turks have been drawing on the wisdom of ex-West German boss Jupp Derwall, now technical director at club side Galatasaray. They have a reputation for being moody if skilful and in the psychology

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BRUGGE BAN SPURS FANS

A WAR of words erupted around Tottenham's UEFA Cup visit to Brugge on the eve of the UEFA Cup second round tie.

The vexed subject was hooliganism was to blame and the separate ways in which Tottenham, Club Brugge and the Belgian FA approached the problem — all of them fearing a repetition of the trouble when Spurs visited Brussels for last season's UEFA Cup Final, and when Nottingham Forest went to Brugge in September.

Perhaps the most significant words were those of Belgian FA president Eddy Wouters.

Wouters, who has launched a clean-up campaign in Belgian football, said: "It is unfair that for every game against an English team a city like Brugge has to be brought to a virtual state of emergency to contain the visiting fans.

"I will look at what happens when Tottenham visit Belgium and if things get out of hand we will send off all the bills for policing, damage and everything else to Tottenham. If they will not pay I will go to UEFA and ask them to ban all English clubs from European football."

Wouters had also thought ahead about his reaction should UEFA refuse to impose such a sweeping ban. He said: "In that case Belgian clubs will refuse to play teams from England should they be drawn together."

UEFA officials have talked generally about banning English clubs. But this was the first time a continental federation had threatened to force the issue. Wouters also said that English clubs did not take the matter seriously enough — though this would have been disputed by Spurs.

There was also a political edge to Wouters's comments. His standing within European football circles suffered a major setback following the Belgian bribes scandal last spring and the mix-up over whether the subsequent suspensions should have been imposed worldwide or merely domestically.

He also has ambitions within UEFA and realises that a hard-line approach to the English hooligan problem could win a great deal of approval and support.

Wouters wasn't the only man taking a hard line in this case, however. So was Spurs' chairman Irving Scholar.

In a smart move which amounted to "positive defence," Scholar decided a week before the first leg in Belgium to return to Brugge all 500 seating tickets which had been allocated to Spurs. He appealed to all Spurs fans to boycott the match and cancelled Spurs' own supporters' trips.

Thus Scholar placed Tottenham in the best possible situation should hooligans bent on trouble make their own way to the game and buy tickets in Brugge itself.

Scholar was angry initially that agreements to allocate terrace tickets to Spurs had been broken, and that UEFA had made it clear that any serious trouble inside or outside the stadium would result in the club's expulsion from Europe, not just for this season.

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stakes England's Wembley win will have done Robson's men a lot of good.

One ironic point is that if Paul Mariner had been fit, Hateley wouldn't have started the match, perhaps not got onto the pitch at all. Instead he played, scored two goals — one particularly well-taken — to pile on top of his overnight success in Italy with Milan.

Scotland also launched their World Cup qualifying campaign with a win, beating Iceland 3-0 at Hampden thanks to two goals from new star Paul McStay of Celtic. But Wales went down 3-0 in Spain — it would have been more but for the brilliance of goalkeeper Neville Southall — and the Irish Republic went down 1-0 to Norway.

Surprise leaders of that group are now Switzerland, who ran up a 1-0 win over European semi-finalists Denmark thanks to a goal just before half-time from Umberto Barberis.

One other surprise is that achieved by Hungary in winning 2-1 away to Holland in Rotterdam. Wim Kieft headed Holland in front from a Rene Van der Gijp corner but Detari quickly equalised after the Dutch failed to clear a Kiprich cross. Then, early in the second half, Marton Esterhazy stabbed the winner past Hans Van Breukelen.

West Germany's Ealf Falkenmayer escapes Sweden's Ingemar Erlandsson and Glenn Stromberg in the 2-0 win in Cologne.

New bribes scandal in Italy

ENZO BEARZOT and Dino Zoff, manager and captain of Italy's 1982 World Cup-winning team, have been summoned to appear before a Rome magistrate investigating bribery claims involving the Italians' 1-1 draw in the finals against Cameroon.

The Rome prosecutor's office acted after a Radical Party MP, Francesco Rutelli, filed a legal action accusing unknown persons of corruption. This followed a story in the weekly magazine Epoca that players from Cameroon were paid £70,000 by "an Italian" before the match in Vigo.

The draw qualified Italy for the second round and they then picked up speed, beating Argentina and Brazil to qualify for the semi-finals before defeating Poland and then West Germany in the Final.

A statement about the alleged bribery was made by Philippe Kotou, a Cameroon government official. He said that players who had accepted money before the Italy game included the French-based centre forward Roger Milla, and goalkeeper Thomas N'Kono, now with Espanol Barcelona.

Both players have since denied any knowledge of payments. Milla took advantage of a French league suspension to accept an all-expenses-paid flight to Rome, paid for by Epoca, to make his denials.

When the story emerged, the Italian federation requested that FIFA launch an inquiry – obviously in the belief that on this occasion they were being used as convenient weapons in some Cameroon sports/politics war.

Italian manager Bearzot was furious. He said: "These lies are groundless and malicious. But how can you deal with such madmen who want to spread them?"

In the match in question Italy went ahead in the 60th minute when N'Kono slipped trying to save a looped header from Francesco Graziani. One minute later Mbida equalised.

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9. Which was the first European club final to be decided on penalties?
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12. Which Spanish club once boasted a forward line nicknamed Los Cincos Magnificos?
13. Under what name were Internazionale of Milan known in the 1930s?
14. Who were the first winners of the Mitropa Cup?
15. Which club were the first West German league champions?
16. What purposes does the International Football Cup serve?
17. Which players made up the Grenoli trio?
18. Who were the so-called 'Angels with Dirty Faces'?
19. Who were the first Soviet club to enter European competition?
20. Which player(s) collected a winner's medal in all three European club competitions?

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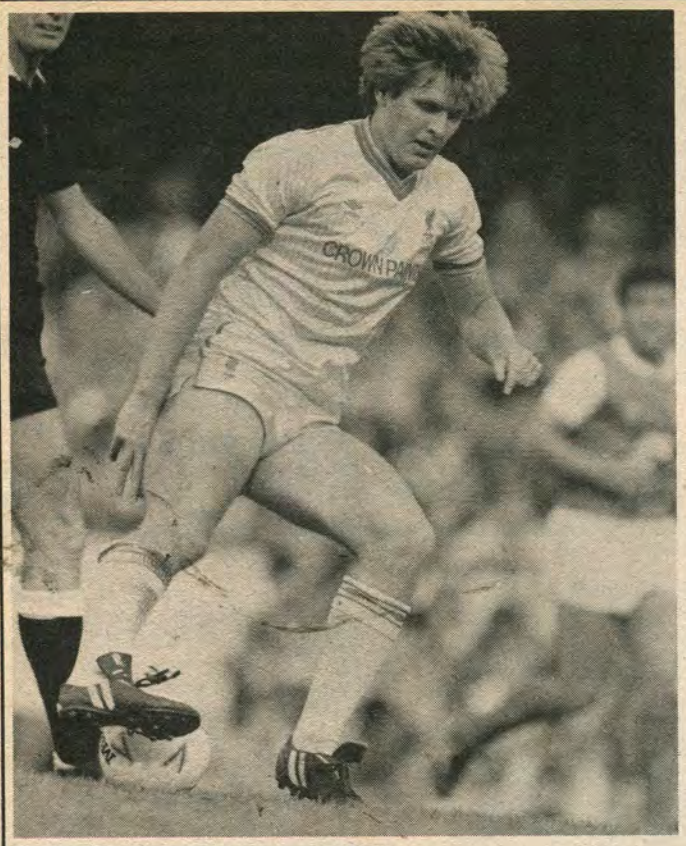

Jan Mølby

A QUIVER of anticipation rose into the rainy Manchester air every time Jesper Olsen received the ball in England's battle royal — Manchester United v Liverpool.

And almost every time it turned to a roar of delight as Olsen ripped past some statuesque defender or played a simple but exquisitely weighted first-time pass.

The Old Trafford fans are already enraptured, as everyone thought they would be.

Jesper Olsen, of course, with Jan Mølby, is the latest foreign import to the English league, following the famous footsteps of pioneering compatriot Nils Middleboe, who played for Chelsea before World War One.

But Olsen and Mølby are hardly pioneers now as footballing Danes seeking fame and perhaps fortune abroad. At present there are 42 of them sprinkled across the soccer world.

The West German paper Bild Zeitung has called it the Common Market Cocktail, and it has certainly given a fizz to the form of the national side.

Morten Olsen, Allan Simonsen, Frank Arnesen, Michael Laudrup — the names are familiar to football followers everywhere.

But what of Mogens Fog or Jens Helmbaek or Lars Ralle? They

DANISH CLUBS IN EUROPE

**The confusing (to outsiders) club names in Denmark mean that over the years records of which teams have appeared in European competition are wildly inaccurate. Here is a definitive list of all Danish clubs' appearances in Europe:*

1955		
EC	AGF — Stade de Reims	0-2, 2-2
FAIRS	København — Barcelona	2-5, 1-1
1956		
EC	AGF — Nice	1-1, 1-5
1957		
EC	AGF — Glenavon, Nord Irland	0-0, 3-0
	AGF — FC Sevilla	2-0, 0-4
1958		
EC	KB — Schalke 04	3-0, 2-5
	Omkamp — Holland	1-3
FAIRS	Frem — Chelsea	1-3, 1-4
1959		
EC	B 1909 — Wiener SC	0-3, 2-2
1960		
EC	AGF — Legia Warszawa	3-0, 0-1
	AGF — Frederiksstad	3-0, 1-0
	AGF — Benfica	1-4, 1-3
FAIRS	KB — Basel	8-1, 3-3
	KB — Birmingham	4-4, 0-5
1961		
EC	B 1913 — Spora Luxembourg	9-2, 6-0
CWC	AGF — Werder Bremen	2-3, 0-2
FAIRS	Stævnet — Dynamo Zagreb	2-7, 2-2
1962		
EC	Esbjerg — Linfield, Nord Irland	0-0, 2-1
	Esbjerg — Dukla Prag	0-0, 2-1
CWC	B 1909 — Alliance Luxembourg	8-1, 1-1
	B 1909 — Grazer AK	5-3, 1-1
	B 1909 — FC Nürnberg	0-1, 0-6
FAIRS	Stævnet — Hibernians	0-4, 2-3
	Odense — Drumcondra	1-4, 4-2
1963		
EC	Esbjerg — PSV Eindhoven	3-4, 1-7
CWC	B 1913 — Olympique Lyon	1-3, 1-3
FAIRS	Stævnet — Arsenal	1-7, 3-2
1964		
EC	B 1909 — Real Madrid	2-5, 0-4
CWC	Esbjerg — Cardiff City	0-0, 0-1
FAIRS	KB — Utrecht	3-4, 1-2
	B 1913 — FC Stuttgart	1-3, 0-1
1965		
EC	B 1909 — Bukarest	2-3, 0-4
CWC	AGF — Setubal, Spanien	2-1, 2-1
	AGF — Celtic	0-1, 0-2
FAIRS	B 1903 — Dunfermline	0-5, 2-4
1966		
EC	Esbjerg — Dukla Prag	0-2, 0-4
CWC	AaB — Everton	0-0, 1-2
FAIRS	Hvidovre — Eintracht Frankfurt	1-5, 2-2
	B 1909 — Napoli	1-4, 1-2
1967		
EC	Hvidovre — FC Basel	3-3, 2-1
CWC	Randers — Hamburger SV	0-2, 3-5
FAIRS	Frem — Bilbao	0-1, 2-3
1968		
EC	AB — FC Zürich	3-1, 1-2
	AB — AEK Athen	0-2, 0-0
CWC	Randers — Sliema Wanderers	6-0, 2-0
	Randers — FC Köln	0-3, 1-2
FAIRS	B 1909 — Hannover	2-3, 0-1
	KB — Leipzig	t.u.k.
1969		
EC	KB — Turun Åbo	4-2, 1-0
	KB — Benfica	2-3, 0-2
CWC	Frem — FC St Gallen	2-1, 0-1
FAIRS	Hvidovre — FC Porto	1-2, 0-2
	B 1913 — Barcelona	0-2, 0-4
1970		
EC	B 1903 — Slovan Bratislava	2-2, 1-2
CWC	AaB — Gornik Zabrze	0-1, 1-8
FAIRS	B 1901 — Hertha Berlin	2-4, 1-4
1971		
EC	B 1903 — Celtic	2-1, 0-3
CWC	B 1909 — Austria Wien	4-2, 0-2
FAIRS	AB — Dundee United	2-4, 0-1
1972		
EC	Vejle — Anderlecht	0-3, 2-4
CWC	Fremad A — FC Besa Alb	1-0, 0-0
UEFA	Hvidovre — HJK Helsinki	v.u.k
	Hvidovre — Bor Münchengladb	1-3, 0-3
1973		
EC	Vejle — FC Nantes	2-2, 1-0
	Vejle — Celtic	0-1, 0-0
CWC	Randers — Rapid Wien	0-0, 1-2
UEFA	Næstved — Düsseldorf	2-2, 0-1
	B 1903 — AIK Stockholm	2-1, 1-1
	B 1903 — Dinamo Kiev	1-2, 0-1
1974		
EC	Hivdovre — Ruch Chorzow	0-0, 1-2
CWC	Vanløse — Benfica	1-4, 0-4
UEFA	KB — Alletico Madrid	3-2, 0-4
	Randers — Dynamo Dresden	1-1, 0-0
1975		
EC	KB — St Etienne	0-2, 1-3
CWC	Vejle — FC Den Haag	0-2, 0-2
UEFA	Holbæk — Stal Mielec	0-1, 1-2
1976		
EC	Køge — Bayern München	0-5, 1-2
CWC	Esbjerg — Bohemian Dublin	0-1, 1-2
UEFA	Næstved — Racing White	0-3, 0-4
	Holbæk — Eintracht Branschw	1-0, 0-7
1977		
EC	B 1903 — Trabzensper	2-0, 0-1
	B 1903 — Benfica	0-1, 0-1
CWC	Vejle — Progres, Luxembourg	9-0, 1-0
	Vejle — PAOK Saloniki	3-0, 1-2
	Vejle — Twente Enschede	0-3, 0-4
UEFA	Frem — Grasshoppers	0-2, 0-6
	KB — Dundee United	3-0, 0-1
	KB — Dinamo Tbilisi	1-4, 1-2
1978		
EC	OB — Lokomotive Sofia	2-2, 1-2
CWC	Frem — AS Nancy	2-0, 0-4
UEFA	B 1903 — Kuopio	4-4, 1-2
	Esbjerg — Kristianssand	1-0, 0-0
	Esbjerg — Kuopio	4-1, 2-0
	Esbjerg — Hertha Berlin	2-1, 0-4
1979		
	Vejle — Austria Wien	3-2, 1-1
EC	Vejle — Hajduk Split	2-1, 0-3
CWC	B 1903 — Apoel Nicosia	6-0, 1-0
	B 1903 — Valencia	2-2, 0-4
UEFA	Esbjerg — Brno	1-1, 0-6
	AGF — Stal Mielec	1-1, 1-0
	AGF — Bayern München	1-2, 1-3
1980		
EC	Esbjerg — Halmstad BK	3-2, 0-0
	Esbjerg — Spartak Moskva	2-0, 0-3
CWC	Hvidovre — Fram Reykjavik	1-0, 2-0
	Hvidovre — Feienoord	1-2, 0-1
UEFA	KB — Grasshoppers	2-5, 1-3
1981		
EC	KB — Athlone Town	1-1, 2-2
	KB — Craiova	1-0, 1-4
CWC	Vejle — FC Porto	2-1, 0-3
UEFA	Næstved — PSV Eindhoven	
1982		
EC	Hvidovre — Juventus	1-4, 3-3
CWC	B 93 — Dynamo Dresden	2-1, 2-3
	B 93 — Waterschei	0-2, 1-4
UEFA	Lyngby — IK Brage	1-2, 2-2
1983		
EC	OB — Liverpool	0-1, 0-5
CWC	B 1901 — Shakhtor Donetsk	1-5, 2-4
UEFA	B 1903 — Banik Ostrava	0-5, 1-1
1984		
EC	Lyngby — Labinoti	3-0, 3-0
	Lyngby — Sparta Praha	? ?
CWC	KB — Fortuna Sittard	0-0, 0-3
UEFA	OB — Spartak Moscow	1-5, 1-2

MARK BY JIM HOLDEN

Common et Cocktail

are among the 152 Danes to have tried their luck abroad in the last 10 years alone. For every Jesper Olsen there are three who never quite made the grade.

Here we list the whereabouts of Danish soccer's roaming princes.

All of them have left to play a better grade of football than is available at home in the semi-professional Danmarksturneringen.

Most, though, have left for a football similar to their own; played mainly on the ground, built up with passing from the back, at a slow, slow, quick, quick, slow tempo.

Olsen and Møolby, however, are having to adjust to an entirely new concept — the pace and fury of the Football League. They haven't got anywhere near a full-blooded FA Cup tie played on a muddy January pitch yet, but both are feeling the strain.

"It is the hardest thing to adjust to", they both said separately after the United-Livepool 1-1 draw at Old Trafford recently.

Olsen said: "It will take time to fit in. Sometimes we play very well, we are passing well and creating chances. But at other times I feel left out, with the ball flying over my head all the time. It is not my game and it is hard to get into the rhythm of it."

Mølby said: "The matches are so hard and so fast. Many teams play kick and rush. It is not good football, I think.

"In Holland with Ajax, and at home in Denmark, there were only a few tough matches. And you could always take a rest in a game. Here in England you never can. Every game is tough and you can never feel a game is won."

Mølby, a thick set, moustachioed 21-year-old, was dropped by Liverpool for the clash with Manchester United and told by manager Joe Fagan to sit in the stand and watch and learn about the commitment needed in English soccer.

Then both became the firmest of friends when teamed together at Ajax in Holland, where they shared the midfield.

Jasper Olsen

Mølby was bought as a libero, but converted by Ajax who thought him too young to play there. He agrees. "I like playing midfield most. You are more involved in the game," he said.

But last season Mølby fell from grace at Ajax, as did Olsen, who scampered home to Faxe defying club orders and putting his leg in plaster, missing the second half of the season.

United bid early for Olsen, and he set his heart on joining the club

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THE DANES ABROAD

Jesper Petersen — Homburg (Germany) ex Helsingør
Kristen Nygaard — Nimes (France) ex IHF, AZ 67
Morten Olsen — Anderlecht (Belgium) ex B 1901, Cercle, RWDM
Birger Jensen — FC Bruges (Belgium) ex B 1903
Ole Skouboe — Salonika (Greece) ex Horsens, Hvidovre, Halsingborg
Søren Skov — Hertha Berlin (Germany) ex Nyborg, OB, St Pauli, Avellino
Frank Arnesen — Anderlecht (Belgium) ex Fremad Amager, Ajax, Valencia
Søren Lerby — Bayern Munich (Germany) ex Fremad Amager, Ajax
Søren Busk — Gent (Belgium) ex Glostrup, Westfalia Herne, MVV Maastricht
Preben Elkjaer — Verona (Italy) ex Vanløse, Koln, Lokeren
Carsten Nielsen — Strasbourg (France) ex B 1903, Borussia Moenchengladbach
Flemming Pehrson — Mjallby (Sweden) ex Frem
Jan Sørensen — Twente (Holland) ex Frem, CS Bruges
Jørgen Kristensen — Wichita Wings (North America) ex Naestved, Hertha Berlin
Henrick Agerbeck — Sochaux (France) ex KB, IFK Malmø, Hertha Berlin
Søren Lindsted — Liege (Belgium), ex Holbaeck, Twente, Winterslag
Ivan Nielsen — Feyenoord (Holland) ex Fremad Amager
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Brian Storvang — Stavanger (Norway) ex Randers Freja
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Who score that beat F

by Keir Radnedge

THEY'RE still fighting in Belgium over who scored the vital goal which beat Nottingham Forest in the dying seconds of that dramatic first round UEFA Cup tie.

Was it Willy Wellens or Marc De Gryze? Both players claimed the goal in the ensuing excitement as the 35,000 crowd in the Olympia stadium rose to their feet in instant acclamation.

Later, in the dressing rooms, coach Henk Houwaart told a television reporter that De Gryze was the man with the final, fatal touch. But not even TV film could confirm the fact.

What was certain was that Club Brugge KV had eliminated former European champions Nottingham Forest after a topsy-turvy tie which had seen the Belgian side look much the better in Nottingham, and then much the worse in Belgium.

In the first leg at the City Ground, Brugge looked composed and technically on a higher plane. They also had a fine goalkeeper in Danish veteran Birger Jensen, who lived up to his responsibility as captain with several fine saves.

Perhaps Brugge grew complacent. But at home they were nothing like the same team. The spirit appeared to have evaporated. Perhaps complacency had set in and they expected to win at a canter.

If so, that would have surprised Forest boss Brian Clough. He was certain before the game that Houwaart would have done his homework and spotted that Forest had achieved some remarkable results away from home and under immense pressure against Köln and Dynamo Berlin, for example, in their Champions' Cup-winning years.

Jan Ceulemans

But, instead, Brugge appeared unnerved and upset that Forest didn't throw in the towel at once. The English club's spirit and determination provoked a rugged response from the Belgians before they earned their second round meeting with Cup-holders Tottenham.

And yet Brugge, one of the oldest clubs in Belgium, are also one of the country's most experiencd European comapaigners — runners-up in the 1976 UEFA Cup and in the 1978 Champions' Cup. On both occasions it was Liverpool who beat them.

In the last few years Club, as their fans call them, have undergone many changes both among coaching and playing staffs. But after finishing third in the Belgian championship last season they view the current campaign as an ideal opportunity to rebuild a slightly faded reputation.

In Belgium each club has an official registration number, granted on their application to the federation, which was set up in 1895. No. 1 belongs to Antwerp, No. 2 doesn't exist any more, and Club are No. 3 having been founder members of the Belgian championship in 1895.

They didn't make an auspicious start, being immediately relegated into the newly-formed Second Division. In 1900 they earned promotion and, in the first season after the world war, they won the 1919-20 championship.

Four more spells in the Second Division followed in the next 40 years before Club Brugge Kon. Voetbalverenigung began the modern revival.

Professionalism had been introduced into Belgian football in the late 1950s and early 1960s and Club found the revolution to their taste. They finished runners-up in the league in 1967 to earn their first European attempt — in the Fairs' Cup — and to set off a remarkable domestic record.

In 18 seasons Club have won the league five times, finished runners-up on five occasions, won the cup three times and been runners-up twice. In 1977 they became only the second Belgian club (Anderlecht were the first) to complete the league and cup double.

The peak of achievement was in reaching those two European finals. In the 1976 UEFA Cup final Brugge went 2-0 up in the first leg at Anfield inside the first 20 minutes before a Liverpool revival in the second-half sent the Belgians home with a 3-2 defeat. They could only draw 1-1 at home and thus lost 4-3 on aggregate.

Two years later, coached by the dour but successful Austrian, Ernst Happel, Brugge came back to England to play Liverpool — this time in the Champions' Cup final, and this time at Wembley.

The Belgians were, however, cruelly hit by injuries. They fought a stubborn rearguard action but eventually had to concede defeat to a typical piece of Kenny Dalglish opportunism in the 64th minute.

There seemed no reason why Club should not return to win another year. But things began to go wrong. Despite the signings of stars such as Jan Ceulemans — for a then Belgian record £250,000 from Lierse — and defender Walter Meeuws, the summer of 1978 also brought heavy beatings by Everton and Benfica in pre-season tournaments.

In November Happel quit and though they reached the 1979 cup final under Andres Beres another new coach, Dutchman Hans Grijzenhout, was appointed. He was in turn dismissed in September 1980 after a shock 7-1 home defeat by Standard Liege. Frenchman Gilbert Gress, Luxembourg-born Spitz Kohn and Belgian hero Rik Coppens all followed in quick succession.

But after Club were nearly relegated — finishing 14th in the 18-club First Division — in 1982 it took a West German, Georg Kesller, to restore order. Club recovered to fifth in 1983 and third last season before Kessler moved on.

Over the years some fine players have passed through Club's ranks. Dutch World Cup hero Rob Rensenbrink first made his name with Club and Denmark's Ulrik Le Fevre and one-time Derby

cored goal at Forest?

CLUB BRUGGE K.V.

Founded: 1891.
Champions' Cup: Runners-up 1978.
UEFA Cup: Runners-up 1976.
League: 1920, 1973, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980 (six titles).
Cup: 1968, 1970, 1977 (three).
Ground: Olympisch stadion (capacity 32,000).
President: F. De Clerck.
Coach: Henk Houwaart.
League status: Div. I 1895-1928; Div. II 1928-29; Div. I 1929-1933; Div. II 1933-1935; Div. I 1935-1939; Div. II 1941-1946; Div. I 1946-1947; Div. II 1947-1949; Div. I 1949-1951; Div. II 1951-1959; Div. I from 1959.

spearhead Roger Davies also enjoyed great success there. Among the Belgian stars have been centre-forward Raoul Lambert — nicknamed the Lion of Flanders — and European championship stars Meeuws, Ceulemans and Rene Vandereycken.

THE COACH

HENK HOUWAART, aged 39, is a Dutchman appointed as boss this summer in succession to Georg Kessler, who left after two years to take over Greek club Olympiakos of Piraeus. Houwaart, a former Club player who was a regular defender in their 1973-74 Champions' Cup campaign, knows he faces a lot of pressure since Club have gone through seven coaches in the last six years. Moved from Cercle in the summer.

He began his playing career in Holland with Ado Den Haag, then had a short spell with Twente Enschede before joining Club Brugge in 1969. He helped win the cup in 1970 and the championship in 1973 before moving on to Antwerp in 1975. One cap for Holland.

THE PLAYERS

BIRGER JENSEN. **Goalkeeper.** Aged 33/28 caps for Denmark. The longest-serving player on the Brugge books. Jensen was signed ten years ago from B1903 of Copenhagen and played in the finals of the UEFA Cup in 1976 and Champions' Cup in 1978. Many Danes still believe he is their best goalkeeper but he hasn't appeared in the national team for nearly five years after disagreements with manager Sepp Piontek.

PHILIPPE VANDE WALLE. **Goalkeeper.** Aged 22. Youth and under-21 international who joined Club from Charleroi.

LUC VAN WALLEGHEM. **Defender.** Aged 23. Youth and under-21 international. Joined five years ago from FC Lichtervelde.

ANTONI SZYMANOWSKI. **Right-back or sweeper.** Aged 33/87 caps for Poland, for whom he appeared in the World Cup finals tournaments of both 1974 — when Poland finished third — and 1978. Szymanowski joined Club in 1981 from Wisla Krakow but spent most of his first season on the treatment table.

ALEX QUERTER. **Defender.** Aged 26. Olympic international who played previously for Cercle, Club's local rivals, and Lokeren.

YVES CARETTE. **Defender.** Aged 22. Youth product.

JOHAN RENIER. **Defender.** Aged 22. Youth international.

HUGO BROOS. **Central defender.** 32/18. Began with the small non-league Humbeck and then joined Anderlecht in 1970. He played in all the team's three Cup-winners' Cup finals in the late 1970s, collecting winners' medals in 1976 and 1978 and runners-up in 1977. Joined Club Brugge just over a year ago.

RENE VERHEYEN. **Midfield.** 32/22. Signed for Club just over a year ago after many seasons at Lokeren. A forceful midfielder who was — to his own surprise — recalled at short notice to the national team last season in the wake of the crippling Standard Liege bribes scandal. One game as substitute in the European finals.

TEW MAMADOU. **Defender.** Aged 24. Signed this summer from the Senegalese team, Casa Sport. Mamadou has played 28 times for the Senegal national team.

TJAPKO TEUBEN. **Defender.** Aged 21. Dutch-born player who counts as Belgian with more than five years' residence in the country. Began with Ajax and has since played for Brugge, Eendracht Aalst, Dutch club Volendam and now Brugge again.

ANTOINE COLY. **Midfield.** Aged 20. Another summer signing from Senegalese club, Casa Sport. Coly has played 19 times for the Senegal national team.

FRANKY VAN DER ELST. **Midfield or defender.** Aged 23. Not *the* François Van der Elst but a useful all-round player whom Club have just signed from RWD Molenbeek. Van der Elst began his career with Blauw Wit Lombeek.

BRUGGE IN EUROPE

1967-8: Fairs' Cup
0-0 1-2 v Sporting Lisbon
1968-9: Cup-winners' Cup
3-1 0-2 v West Bromwich
1969-70: Fairs' Cup
0-2 5-1 v Sabadell
5-2 0-3 v Ujpest Dozsa
1970-1: Cup-winners' Cup
1-2 2-0 v Kicker Offenbach
2-0 2-3 v FC Zurich
2-0 0-4 v Chelsea (quarter-final)
1971-2: UEFA Cup
0-3 3-1 v Zeljeznicar
1972-3: UEFA Cup
5-3 1-2 v Atvidaberg
0-3 3-2 v FC Porto
1973-4: Champions' Cup
8-0 2-0 Floriana
2-1 4-6 v Basel
1975-6: UEFA Cup
3-4 3-0 v Lyon
0-3 4-0 v Ipswich
1-0 1-0 v Roma
2-0 1-2 v Milan (quarter-final)
1-1 1-0 v Hamburg (semi-final)
2-3 1-1 v Liverpool (final)
1976-77: Champions' Cup
2-1 1-1 v Steaua Bucharest
0-0- 2-0 Real Madrid
2-2 0-1 Borussia Mg (quarter-final)
1977-8: Champions' Cup
4-0 5-2 v Kuopion Palloseura
2-0 0-1 Panathinaikos
2-0 2-3 v Atletico Madrid (quarter-final)
0-1 2-0 v Juventus (semi-final)
0-1 v Liverpool (final)
1978-9: Champions' Cup
2-1 1-3 v Wisla Krakow
1980-1: Champions' Cup
0-1 1-4 v Basel
1981-2: UEFA Cup
1-3 1-3 v Spartak Moscow
1984-5: UEFA Cup
0-0 1-0 v Nottm Forest
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Birger Jensen

LEO VAN DER ELST. **Midfield.** Aged 22. Youth and under-21 international and younger brother of François. Club signed him during the summer from Antwerp. He previously played for small clubs such as VC Eendracht Mezenzele and HO Merchtem. Made his First Division debut with Antwerp at the age of 17.

GINO MAES. **Midfield/full-back.** Aged 27. Now in his second spell with Club. They were his original club team and he played in defence in the 1978 European Champions' Cup final. Maes, who made his league debut at 19, returned to Club this summer from local rivals Cercle.

CHRIS VERHULST. **Midfield.** Aged 21. Youth international whom Club signed from Kortrijk.

JAN CEULEMANS. **Midfield/attack.** 27/46. Club's last championship success in 1980 owed much to his bustling style when he scored no fewer than 29 of his team's total of 76 goals. Began with Lierse and cost Brugge a then Belgian record £250,000 in the summer of 1978. In 1980 he was Belgian Footballer of the Year after his fine displays for Belgium (the runners-up) in the finals of the European championship in Italy. But a year later he nearly returned to Italy to join Milan. At the last minute, after agreeing to the move, Ceulemans bowed to the express wishes of his mother and decided to stay at home. Ceulemans played, again with distinction, in the recent European finals.

LUC BEYENS. **Forward.** Aged 25. Played First Division football with La Louviere and then Tongeren before being signed by Club this past summer.

LUC HINDERIJCKX. **Attack.** Aged 22. Youth international who made his First Division debut with Club — his only team — three years ago.

WILLY WELLENS. **Forward.** 30/7. Youth and under-21 international. Wellens was Club's top scorer last season — and the third-best in the Belgian league — with a total of 21 goals. Wellens began with little VC Westerlo then transferred to Lierse in 1971. His father was for ten years a First Division regular with Watershei but they were one club young Willy passed by while his travels took him to RWD Molenbeek and then Standard Liege.

MARC DE GRIJZE. **Midfield/forward.** Aged 19. Highly-promising youngster who made his Club debut last season and displayed such talent he reached the fringe of the European championship squad. De Grijze made his debut for Belgium in the early-season home defeat by Argentina but made amends — at least as far as Brugge fans are concerned — with his share of the winning goal against Nottingham Forest.

by Leslie Vernon

SANITY CREEPS BACK

THANKFULLY, financial sanity is slowly creeping back into the English game. After years of throwing money about as though it was going out of fashion, the clubs are beginning to realise that they cannot run their limited companies in such a reckless, foolish manner.

On one September weekend, two small items of news captured my attention — Southampton had signed Kevin Bond from Manchester City for £70,000, and Ian Stewart had refused a £100 per week pay-rise.

The Bond transfer shows that for a relatively small amount of money, nowadays, a club can acquire a very good player. A few years ago, the price would have been £300,000 or even more, but now, Manchester City are hard-up, need the cash, and were willing to sell for a realistic fee.

Southampton are also not a rich club, but they needed a defender instead of the transfer-listed Agboola, and were able to get one on the cheap. So both clubs must be satisfied, and they will not face immediate bankruptcy because of this transaction.

If we remember the days when Manchester City bought, for millions, players like Daley, Reeves and Francis and then was forced to sell them for peanuts (except Francis), this is certainly a step in the right direction.

The days of the big money merry-go-round are over, only the very few top clubs can afford extravagant prices, and I am looking forward to the time when the Manchester Uniteds and Tottenhams of this footballing world will also trim their spending to more mundane proportions.

I know that they have profits which must be spent if not to go to the taxmen, but it's wiser to spread the money on several players than to perhaps waste it on one spectacular purchase.

The Ian Stewart case is exceptional in any profession. This fine, young prospect was offered more money by QPR quite voluntarily. He said, "no thank you", because he thought he was earning enough.

Probably he took a careful look at the club's gate-figures and realised that the wage-cake is not a large one, and his own slice of it must be measured accordingly. If only other players would be as reasonable as Stewart, the clubs wouldn't be in the predicament they find themselves constantly.

Wages are much too high in the top division, there is simply no way to justify them. What we haven't got today is real, genuine crowd pullers. With Keegan's retirement, there is not one player left who can put 5,000 people on the gates wherever they play.

How can a £1,000 per week be justified? Attendances are falling in every country, with the possible exception of France, Spain and Italy. The English professional player is overpaid, Stewart knows that, but his colleagues cry "It's a short life!" and collect as much as they can while turnstile attendants are sacked at clubs for reasons of economy.

Let us have more transfers of the Kevin Bond type, and more players with the attitude of Ian Stewart, then the game will be healthier in England.

I wasn't quite as happy about the outcome of the Joe Corrigan case. Apparently, the Brighton goalkeeper criticised his manager in a newspaper article, and was fined £1,000. He took the case to a Football League enquiry, and they squashed the sentence. What did Gordon Taylor, the PFA chairman, have to say: "Our aim is to protect the players' rights of reply if they are criticised. It is a basic human right to freedom of speech. We live in a civilised country, a free country, and players can say whatever they like, providing it is not derogatory."

Ian Stewart

Chris Cattlin, the Brighton manager, answered: "Of course, players are entitled to speak to the Press, and I approve of that because it brings colour and excitement to the game, providing their comments are given in a constructive manner. I won't tolerate any of my players criticising other players, myself or any of the staff at this club or managers and players at other clubs. That is bringing the game into disrepute."

I am with Cattlin all along in the dispute. Corrigan's remarks were highly personal, and complete freedom opens the door to all the mud-slinging we read in the popular Press. Ex-managers, ex-players "reveal" all in these articles, and the bigger the smear the bigger the fee. The public read these revelations, because they give the illusion of being behind the scenes.

Showbiz memoirs are based on the same principle, and although freedom of speech is a fine sentiment, as long as a player is in active service, he is better off speaking with his feet than with a ghostwriter's poisoned typewriter. Jeff Powell of the Daily Mail, *in one of his thought-provoking articles, expressed his fears for the future of English League football. According to him, the game is played at 100 mph in this country, and there is no room for individual artistry in the rush.*

I have a great deal of sympathy with his sentiments, but I would quarrel with his fear regarding entertainment value. The average English League match has nothing to be ashamed of, it is more exciting than its Continental counterpart. The reason why we play so fast is in the training. We develop the players like athletes, and they are able to run 90 minutes non-stop.

They are not going to slow down for the sake of artistry, which in any case, can still flourish in this environment. But it needs an exceptional player, a Dalglish or an Ardiles. Liverpool are trying to play slower and so does Tottenham on occasions. You do not train racehorses and then force them to gallop at a slow pace. What we do need in the domestic game is stricter refereeing. But that's another story. . . .

Eric Batty selects his World XI

Renat DASAYEV (Soviet Union)
Alain GIRESSE (France) Morten OLSEN (Denmark) Maxime BOSSIS (France)
Alan SIMONSEN (Denmark) SOCRATES (Brazil) Jean TIGANA (France) Michel PLATINI (Argentina) Diego MARADONA (Argentina)
Karl-Heinz RUMMENIGGE (West Germany) Bruno CONTI (Italy)

THE FRENCH CONNECTION

FOR MANY years now it has been my privilege to name a World XI for *World Soccer* readers, and as I have pointed out almost every year, it is never intended that my chosen 'team', should ever play as a side against any club or national team.

To be nominated for my World XI is like a stamp of approval, if you like the equivalent to. . . 'by appointment to Eric Batty, good enough to entertain, and demonstrate the noble art.'

That, dear readers, is what football should be all about at the level where spectators pay to watch, and hopefully, be entertained.

It is because most clubs are not entertaining, that gates have fallen off so dramatically in many countries, and why such big transfer fees and salaries, are paid to the very few stars of real quality in the world today.

The scorers, the schemers and the entertainers; these are the fellows that get the fat cheques, and also, bring in the crowds. Each of the players that I have named are crowd-pullers of the type that will bring forth spontaneous rounds of applause when they show off their class in tight situations.

Dasayev will make a fine save; Giresse will produce a feint that sends an opponent sprinting the wrong way, or Maradona will beat three men and finish with a shot that hits a post. That's what pleases the crowds — and pleases me — and it is this kind of ingredient that is missing in the game today. That is why the crowds do not, any more, turn out as they once did.

Midfield

There are two more players whom I wished to name in my side, but could not for I only have eleven places. This pair are Soren Lerby, of FC Bayern Munich and Denmark, currently the top scorer for Bayern as I write, but also their midfield brain — and the Russian star, Khoren Oganesian, from Ararat Erevan or Jerevan.

Everyone who saw Lerby play for Denmark in the European Championships must have admired his skills, while Oganesian was the star (with Dasayev and Alexander Chivadze), of the Soviet Union win at Wembley over England last June. That day, Oganesian was brilliant, working like a beaver in midfield, constantly prodding clever balls forward, and then, from time to time, making breaks into attack, both with and without the ball.

Only those that were at Wembley will have seen his brilliant goal which was disallowed, and was so superbly created, and taken.

Jean Tigena

Only a player of immense class could have scored that goal, because it was made from nothing and Oganesian created the chance for himself.

Some readers may be surprised that I have finally promoted Renat Dasayev over Peter Shilton in goal. But it will probably not come as any surprise to those who remember both the France v England game in which Shilton was caught out by Platini, and the England v Russia match in which the Russian goalkeeper was so superb.

High crosses and long balls down the middle at Wembley have long been the supreme test for South American and continental European goalkeepers. For many it became a grave-yard of lost hopes and ambitions, for so many could not survive the challenge, even though they can make brilliant reflex saves. The real art of goalkeeping takes more than making saves. It requires real class at absolutely everything a goalkeeper may be called upon to do. And at Wembley, the Spartak Moscow goalkeeper hung on to all those high balls with really calm assurance.

Morten Olsen is my 'Player of the Year', based on his two performances against Tottenham in the 1984 UEFA Cup Final, and then the European Championship.

Scored

Against Tottenham, Olsen was superb. In the first leg he scored the RSC Anderlecht goal, and in the second leg in London, he moved upfield to set up the Belgian's goal at White Hart Lane. And all that while performing superbly as the last man in defence, The *libero*, who, like Franz Beckenbauer, was the anchor-man and organiser at the back, but also burst forward to show that he really can 'play'.

I know my team does not have regular full backs or stoppers, but last year I named Alain Giresse at left back, and all I have done this year is take my journalist's licence, a little further.

I have gone for class and craftsmanship, seeking players of the kind that would bring back the crowds and set the turnstiles clicking into a roar of fans and money.

The only real winger that has impressed me in the last twelve months has been Bruno Conti, whom I saw play for AS Roma with real distinction. Conti is both quick and skilful, but his unusual extra quality is that he pops up as a real winger, first on the right, then on the left. Whichever flank Roma attacked on, there was Conti. Rummenigge's talents are universally known, and though he had a quiet year I remain convinced that he is still the only real striking player of supreme quality. Plagued by injuries and poorly supported at international level, Kalle or Rummi as the Germans know him, still has class — and he gets goals.

So many of my acquaintances said after seeing all too brief snatches of the European Championship on TV. . . "I see what you mean now about the standard of football. If only my local club played like France, and to a lesser extent, Denmark, I would go to see them every week."

Everyone knows that First Division clubs around the world 'should' play like France. But they cannot because they do not have the quality players that France had.

Moments

Platini sticks out like a sore thumb, but in tight moments for France last June, it was Jean Tigana who kept France of course, overshadowing Platini.

My team is not based on the tactics currently adopted by almost every club: back four; middle four (who work like horses and battle for the ball), and two scorers up front.

In a loose tactical sense, because my chosen players could not fulfil the roles I have cast them in, 'my' team is in a futuristic mould.

For example, facing a team with only two strikers up, I would want two 'adaptable' centre backs who have the ability to stop BUT ALSO CREATE, and then up front, the only excuse for being up there is that you regularly get goals, or make them. If a player does not get goals then he is not a good striker or 'front' player.

All the rest would be in midfield and all would have class. They would have a wide array of talent and all the skills and in addition, they would have eyes everywhere, and would pick up and mark, anyone who tried to make a break forward up either flank. In fact, they would control the midfield; dominate the ball, set up attacks, and. . . pick up anyone else who, unmarked, makes a run at our goal.

That is how I truly believe the game will be played in the future.

But it will be played by players who are so much better than those who make a living from professional football today.

If such players are not forthcoming, then inevitably the game will die as a spectator-sport, and regretfully, I have to say that at most clubs and in most countries, the game is already dying.

PENTTI HIETNANEN reports on the 'new'

Bright hopes for World Cup

AFTER a poor year in 1983, when they failed to gain a single victory at full international level, Poland are once again putting together a football team just in time for the World Cup qualifying matches.

After a disappointing 1-1 draw in Norway on August 29, Antoni Piechniczek's men recovered to beat Finland 2-0 with ease in Helsinki. And one could see a look of relief in the face of the Polish national coach.

"Now I can look towards a good campaign in the World Cup," Piechniczek told me. "The team in Helsinki proved good enough to form the nucleus of my World Cup side and, by bringing in a few more experienced players, we could add icing on the cake. It goes without saying that Zbigniew Boniek and goalkeeper Mlynarczyk can't be overlooked as they are two of the best in Europe at the moment." There were a couple of familiar names missing from Piechniczek's squad, perhaps the most notable being that of Wlodzimierz Ciolek.

The 27-year-old, who was in the Polish World Cup squad of 1982, is potentially the country's most exciting player and has enjoyed comparative success as a goalscoring midfielder. But perhaps Ciolek's transfer from Stal Mielec to unfashionable Gornik Walbrzych hasn't gone down too well with coach Piechniczek.

Ciolek could still find his way back, however, for he played some outstanding football in the Nehru cup, which was won by Poland last January. Other players that could be recalled for World Cup duty are Jerzy Wijas, the young midfielder general, who has been a big hit since his transfer from GKS Katowice to Widzew Lodz last year, and the Lens pair of Roman Ogaza and Wlodek Tlokinski.

Ogaza is an experienced goalscorer while the powerful ex-Widzew midfielder Tlokinski has never really established himself in Piechniczek's plans in spite of playing some storming matches in the French league. But who knows, perhaps there is not enough room for both Tlokinski and Boniek in the team . . .

One old hand, who is one more an intergral part of Poland's World Cup hopes is sweeper centreback Wladyslaw Zmuda. A veteran of three World Cups he seems to have been around for ages but is in fact still only 30 and looking good for yet another successful campaign.

Zmuda's playing career came to a standstill when he was transferred to Italy's Verona from Widzew Lodz after the World Cup in Spain. The player could hardly get a game in Italy because of a persistent knee-injury which needed two operations.

Verona were patient enough with Zmuda, knowing that when fit, the Pole could be world-class at his best. But as soon as the latest transfer-craze caught fire in Italy, there was no way that Verona would want to miss out on it. For big money they brought two foreign superstars in West Germany's Hans-Peter Briegel and Denmark's Preben Elkjaer — and Zmuda suddenly found himself a surplus to the requirements.

But, for such an outstanding defender, there was no shortage of takers. Zmuda himself chose to join New York Cosmos.

"My contract with Cosmos expires at the end of the NASL season after which I wish to return to Europe", the big Pole says. "Playing for Cosmos has certainly been a great experience and I've really enjoyed it, but there is no way for me to go into the indoor circuit once the 'real thing' is over. Of course, there is good money to be earned from indoor matches but in my mind that is not exactly football. I'd rather find a good club from western Europe. I feel myself fit now and reckon that I could go on playing for quite a few years yet."

Zmuda's relaxed giant figure is needed by Poland to guide the many youngsters that are currently being introduced to the national team. Zmuda is aware of his limitations on the pitch, mainly lack of pace, and makes up with his tactical brain and mature attitude.

Of Zmuda's own contribution to Poland's cause, perhaps the most revealing comment came from the Finnish national coach Martti Kuusela after the match in Helsinki: "Zmuda today humiliated my strikers. He made them look small in every sense of the word."

THE PLAYERS

Josef MLYNARCZYK. Goalkeeper. Bastia. Aged 31, 35 caps. Recently moved to Bastia from Widzew Lodz with whom he won the Polish championship twice between 1980-82. Was an ever-present in the Polish side during the World Cup of 1982, but his career has not alway run smoothly for he was once banned from football for a year after provoking a scandal by turning up drunk at the airport before Poland's trip to play Malta in a World Cup qualifying tie. A talented goalkeeper who ranks, along with Russia's Dasayev, as the top custodian of Eastern Europe. "A must for our World Cup plans", argues coach Piechniczek.

Jacek KAZIMIERSKI. Goalkeeper. Legia Warsaw. Aged 24, 10 caps. Was rated as a superb prospect a couple of years ago but has found it difficult to replace Mlynarczyk. Made his full internationl debut in August, 1982, in a 4-0 win over France in Paris. Will probably gain caps from friendly international when Mlynarczyk is absent. Agile and with sharp reflexes, but not always happy with high crosses.

Wladyslaw ZMUDA. Sweeper. NY Cosmos. Aged 30. 83 caps. A veteran centre-back of three World Cup finals, he made his name by forming a solid partnership with Jerzy Gorgon. He is still playing as well as ever and looks like being a vital cog in the new Polish machine. Spent his career in Poland with Gwardia Warsaw, Slask Wroclaw and Widzew Lodz before being snapped up by Italy's Verona in 1982. A serious knee-injury prevented him from becoming a success in the Italian game. Made his international comeback in May in a 0-0 draw with Eire at Tolka Park, Dublin, after nearly two years in the wilderness. A calm, commanding player with a lot of class, his reading of the game is quite superb. Piechniczek wants him to play it "safe", to hang back and not to make too many ventures upfield.

Josef ADAMIEC. Lech Poznan. Aged 30. 11 caps. Stopper/sweeper. A rugged, bearded central defender whose consistent performances at the heart of Lech Poznan's defence have persuaded Piechniczek to give him a regular spot in the national team. Made his full international debut in October, 1982, in a 1-2 defeat to Portugal. His final breakthrough came in the Nehru cup last January. An excellent header of the ball, he has also a strong shot and forms an intimidating duo with Zmuda. Previous clubs Unia Koloszowski, Malapanew Ozimek and Odra Opole.

Roman WOJCICKI. Stopper/midfielder. Widzew Lodz. Aged 26. 26 caps. At 6ft 4in, a giant defender or midfielder. very difficult to impress, but somewhat temperamental. One of Piechniczek's favourite pupils, they were both once at Odra Opole. Was already in the squad during the World Cup of 1978, but didn't play. Bought to Widzew from Wisla Krakow. His club-mate Smolarek rates him as one of the best European central defenders. However, he may have to make way for the newly-found Zmuda-Adamiec partnership.

Darius KUBICKI. Right-back. Legia Warsaw. Aged 21. 3 caps. One of many youngsters from Legia, the army club, who are pushing their claims at the full international level.

Krzysztof PAWLAK. Defender/midfielder. Lech Poznan. Aged 26. 7 caps. A utility player, but usually at home at right full-back. Had a fine league season with Lech but whether he can hold his place in the national side remains to be seen. Previously with Warta Poznan.

Marek OSTROWSKI. Pogon Stettin. Aged 25. 4 caps. Left-back/midfield. One of this season's finds in Piechniczek's squad, he made his name in Poland's Olympic team. A well-built left-back, constructive and attack-minded. He could take over from Wisla Krakow's experienced Jan Jalocha, currently out of favour. Plays for Pogon, who were twice beaten Polish cup finalists in 1980 and 1981.

Darius WDOWCZYK. Midfield/full-back. Legia Warsaw. Aged 22. 1 cap. A fine prospect, who made his debut in the national team against Finland. He immediately won the approval of Piechniczek who, after the match, singled him out for special praise. A left-sided,

'new' Poland

Action from Poland's World Cup campaign in Spain two years ago . . . Andrzej Buncol forces a way past Belgian defender Michel Renquin.

bustling type of midfielder who like to pop up almost everywhere during a match. Starred for the Polish Under-21 team which reached the quarter-finals of European Championships. Can play at full-back, too.

Andrzej BUNCOL. Midfield. Legia Warsaw. Aged 25. 29 caps. A mainstay in the Polish side, he is one of the survivors from the World Cup two years ago. His midfield grafting, searching cross-balls and shooting power make him a useful man to have around. Usually operates on the right-hand side of midfield and is often pushed forward in search of goals, notably when his side is losing. Makes intelligent runs off the ball and never stops chasing. Indeed, it was his goal against East Germany in 1981 which ensured Poland's trip to Spain. Previously with Ruch Chorzow.

Waldemar MATYSIK. Midfield. Gornik Zabrze. Aged 23. 18 caps. Another hard-working midfielder, usually in a cental role. Was alredy there in Spain and today holds a regular place. Links up well with Buncol, starts attacks with quick passes and never neglects his man-marking duties. Perhaps Gornik's most respected player today.

Waldemar PRUSIK. Midfield. Slask Wroclaw. Aged 22. 4 caps. A newcomer to the squad, who usually finds himself sitting on the substitutes' bench. He was, however, thrown in at the deep end for his international debut in the European Championships in a desperate attempt by Piechniczek to bring new blood into an ailing Polish challenge. He is one of the bright spots in an otherwise rather lacklustre present Slask side, which during late season struggled in a mid-table position of the first division. With more international experience could become a regular for Poland.

Zbigniew BONIEK. Midfield/attack. Juventus Torino. Aged 28. 63 caps. Needs little introduction. He is still one of the finest players in Europe, a master craftsman who can make and take chances. Piechniczek had made it plain that a Polish side without Boniek is almost unthinkable, although the former Widzew Lodz star very seldom has time to show up for friendly internationals. Perhaps things have not always gone his way at Juventus, but with his delicate touch, power and vision he can still turn a match almost on his own.

Jan KARAS. Midfield/attack. Legia Warsaw. Aged 25. 2 caps. A strong-running player, who can play up-front as well as in midfield. Good technique, likes to have the ball at his feet and grafts hard for the openings. A bit uninspired, though.

Andrzej PALASZ. Midfield/attack. Gornik Zabrze. Aged 24. 13 caps. Another midfield-cum-striker, he was nicknamed as "the new Lubanski" when he first played for Gornik. Was in Spain, but only as a stand-in. Has not developed as was hoped for, but can still produce a deft touch or two to open up the opposing defence.

Ryszard TARASIEWICZ. Attack. Slask Wroclaw. Aged 22. 2 caps. The leading goal-getter of Poland's new season. Has undoubted potential and could, at least in the long-term, turn out to be the answer for Poland's scoring problems. Piechniczek will no doubt groom him carefully but, with Dziekanowski around, he might have to wait for his chance with patience.

Marek KUSTO. Attack. Beveren-Waas. Aged 30. 16 caps. A slim winger, who joined Beveren a year ago from Legia and played a part in the club's winning of the Belgian championship.

Wlodzimierz SMOLAREK. Attack. Widzew Lodz. Aged 27. 33 caps. Made his international debut in 1981 and was Poland's top scorer in the World Cup qualifiers with five goals.

Darius DZIEKANOWSKI. Attack. Widzew Lodz. Aged 22. 12 caps. the brightest centre-forward in Poland at the moment. Has come to fore after the World Cup two years ago. Although he failed to live up to expectations in the Nations' Cup matches, he does most right, shoots hard and accurately with both feet, is splendidly balanced and quick. With men such as Boniek, Smolarek and Buncol providing him with the ammunition, he only has himself to blame he he fails to collect goals regularly. Widzew signed him from Gwardia Warsaw for an estimated record transfer-fee between two Polish clubs.

Miroslaw OKONSKI. Attack. Lech Poznan. Aged 25. 13 caps. Poland's joint top scorer during 1982-83 and, since the departure of Janusz Kupcewicz, the darling of Lech Poznan's supporters. A left-winger, he was called "the new Robert Gadocha". A skilful dribbler, he takes up good positions and shoots well. Lacks composure, though, and misses almost as many chances as he puts away. Piechniczek often uses him as a tactical substitute to run at the tiring opposing defence.

Albania	5	2	2	1	6—	4
Algeria	2	2	0	0	6—	1
Argentina	9	2	2	5	10—	16
Austria	6	3	0	3	11—	12
Belgium	12	5	3	4	20—	13
Bolivia	2	2	0	0	3—	1
Brazil	10	3	1	6	19—	25
Bulgaria	19	7	7	5	32—	25
Cameroon	1	0	1	0	0—	0
Canada	4	4	0	0	17—	3
China	2	2	0	0	2—	0
Columbia	2	2	0	0	9—	2
Cuba	1	0	1	0	0—	0
Cyprus	2	2	0	0	8—	1
Czechoslovakia	20	3	6	11	29—	42
Denmark	14	6	1	7	29—	27
England	4	1	2	1	4—	3
Estonia	3	2	1	0	6—	1
Finland	20	16	2	2	61—	20
France	10	4	1	5	17—	20
Germany (East)	17	7	4	6	22—	26
Germany (pre 1939)	5	0	1	4	4—	12
Germany (West)	10	2	3	5	9—	13
Ghana	1	1	0	0	4—	0
Greece	7	5	0	2	20—	6
Haiti	1	1	0	0	7—	0
Holland	8	3	3	2	10—	8
Hungary	26	5	2	19	34—	79
Iceland	2	2	0	0	4—	0
India	1	1	0	0	2—	1
Iran	1	1	0	0	3—	2
Iraq	3	2	1	0	6—	1
Ireland (Northern)	2	0	0	2	0—	4
Ireland (Republic)	17	8	5	4	32—	17
Israel	3	1	2	0	8—	3
Italy	10	1	5	4	5—	15
Korea (North)	1	1	0	0	5—	0
Latvia	8	5	2	1	28—	12
Libya	1	1	0	0	5—	0
Luxembourg	5	4	1	0	20—	3
Malta	2	2	0	0	8—	0
Mexico	3	3	0	0	6—	2
Morocco	3	2	1	0	9—	2
Norway	11	6	3	2	41—	19
Peru	3	3	0	0	9—	2
Portugal	5	1	1	3	4—	6
Rumania	23	2	11	10	36—	42
Scotland	5	3	1	1	8—	6
Soviet Union	12	3	2	7	9—	24
Spain	6	3	0	3	10—	11
Sweden	15	7	3	5	31—	33
Switzerland	8	3	4	1	14—	9
Tunisia	3	3	0	0	9—	1
Turkey	11	7	2	2	30—	9
USA	8	5	1	2	25—	7
Wales	2	1	0	1	3—	2
Yugoslavia	18	6	3	9	39—	46
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ALGERIA

FA founded: 1962. **Joined FIFA:** 1963.
National Team: World Cup Final: 1982. **Olympics:** 1980 (quarter-final). **African Nations Cup:** 1968, 1980 (RU), 1982 (4th), 1984 (3rd). **African Games:** Winners 1978. **World Youth Cup:** 1979 (quarter-final).

ALGERIAN football has long established links with France and Algerian players such as Rachid Meloufi were playing professional football in the French First Division during the 1950s. The long war of independence caused the game to stagnate but progress has been rapid since the founding of the Algerian FA in 1962.

However, the national team has always found it difficult to mix the amateur home based players with the professional expatriates. As a result despite the occasional promising performance such as the 1-1 draw with France in Paris in 1968, Algeria never really fulfilled their potential.

Their 1982 results however, established Algeria as a world force and they built on this reputation with a fine performance in the '84 African Nations Cup in which they deserved better than their third place.

Top clubs include: Mouloudia (Champions Cup: W 76, quarter-final 80); Jet Tizi Ouzou (CC: W 81); RS Kouba (CC: quarter-final 82); EP Setif (CWC: quarter-final 81); Belcourt (CWC quarter-final 79); Mahd (CWC: RU 78).

Recent champions: 1979 Mouloudia, 1980 Tizi Ouzou, 1981 RS Kouba, 1982 Tizi Ouzou, 1983 Tizi Ouzou.

ANGOLA

FA founded: 1977. **Joined FIFA:** 1980.
ANGOLA was, on independence, one of Africa's most under-developed countries and this, plus a long civil war, has held back the development of all sporting and cultural activities. In addition basketball, in which Angola boast one of the best sides on the continent, rivals football for the support of both fans and the country's best young sportsmen.

However, despite these problems the Angolan national team is becoming increasingly difficult to beat, particularly at home, as Nigeria found out in their tough Nations Cup qualifying match. This year club side Primero de Maio scored a noticeable breakthrough for Angolan teams when they eliminated holders Asante from the Champions Cup.

These results were the first signs that the modern generation of players could equal the performances of Angolans such as Alberto Costa Pereira and Jose Aguas who played so well for Benfica and Portugal in the 1960s.

Clubs: Angola's top clubs included: Primeiro de Agosto, Primero de Maio.

Recent champions: 1980 Primeiro de Agosto, 1981 Primeiro de Agosto, 1982 Petro Athletico, 1983 Primero de Maio.

CAMEROON

FA founded: 1960. **Joined FIFA:** 1962.
National Team: World Cup: 1982. **African Nations Cup:** 1970, 1972 (3rd)*, 1982, 1984 (W). **World Youth Cup:** 1981.
CAMEROON are very much the African team of the moment having followed up their unbeaten World Cup performance by winning the 1984 African Nations Cup. Their World Cup performance in Spain consisted of three draws with Italy, Peru and Poland.

Before the World Cup however, the country's reputation had been built up by the performances of their top clubs such as Canon and Union Douala who won five African titles in four years.

Even in 1972, when Cameroon had staged the Nations Cup, they failed to take the trophy, losing to Congo in the semi-finals. However, the 1982 team with French professional Roger Milla and goalkeeper Thomas N'kono outstanding, at last lived up to its potential.

Top clubs include: Canon (CC: W 71, W 78, W 80, quarter-final 83, CWC: RU 77, W 79); Union Douala (CC: W 79, semi-final 80, CWC: W 81); Tonnerre Yaounde (CWC: W 75, RU 76).

Recent champions: 1976 Union Douala, 1977 Canon, 1978 Union Douala, 1979 Canon, 1980 Canon, 1981 Tonnerre, 1982 Canon, 1983 Tonnerre.

CONGO

FA founded: 1962. **Joined FIFA:** 1964.
National Team: African Nations Cup: 1968, 1972 (W), 1974 (4th), 1978.
CONGO made their international debut at the 1968 Nations Cup and reached their peak four years later when they beat Mali 3-2 in the Cup Final. Substitute Mbano entered African football legend by scoring a hat-trick in the final. Two years later their top club side, CARA, took the Champions Cup but since then the standard of football in the country appears to have declined. Recently the Congo have withdrawn from various competitions at late notice but they took part in the early rounds of the 1984 Nations Cup, putting up a good performance against Egypt. Congo held the north Africans to a 2-2 aggregate draw but lost the tie on penalties.

Clubs: CARA (CC: W 74, semi-final 75). **Recent champions:** 1982 CARA, 1983 Fatima Red Devils.

EGYPT

FA founded: 1921. **Joined FIFA:** 1923.
National Team: World Cup: Finals 1934, Final African Qualifying Round: 1978. **Olympics:** 1924 (quarter-final), 1928, 1936, 1948, 1952, 1964 (quarter-final). **African Nations Cup:** 1957 (W), 1959 (W)*, 1962 (RU), 1963 (3rd), 1970 (3rd), 1974 (3rd)*, 1976 (4th), 1980, 1984 (4th). **World Youth Cup:** 1981 (quarter-final).
* host nation
EVEN before the Second World War Egypt had played in several Olympic tournaments and the 1934 World Cup. Their results included a 2-0 victory over Hungary.

Since the war Egypt have been a major force in the foundation of the AFC and the African Nations Cup which they won in 1957 and 1959. Since then Egypt have remained one of Africa's most respected sides and they scored further Olympic success in 1964 when they reached the semi-final stage. Surprisingly however, Egypt have failed to reach the World Cup finals, they missed out in 1978 by a single point, and have yet to win their third Nations Cup title despite being the favourites on several occasions.

Traditionally the El Ahly club (National) have been the country's leading side with Zamalek their closest rivals. In recent years however, Arab Contractors have emerged as a major challenger for both domestic and continental honours.

Clubs: El Ahly (CC: W 69, semi-final 70, quarter-final 77, semi-final 81, W 82, RU 83); Zamalek (CC: quarter-final 79); Arab Contractors (CWC: W 82, W 83); Mehalla (CC: RU 74). **League champions:** 1980 El Ahly, 1981 El Ahly, 1982 El Ahly, 1983 Arab Contractors.

ETHIOPIA

FA founded: 1943. **Joined FIFA:** 1953.
National Team: African Nations Cup: 1957, 1959, 1962 (W)*, 1963 (4th), 1965, 1968 (4th)*, 1970, 1976*, 1982.
* host nation
DURING the 1950s Ethiopia were a major force in African football. Original members of the AFC, they were one of the three sides that took part in the first African Nations Cup. They in fact won this trophy in 1962 at their third attempt.

However, the mountainous nature of this enormous country which makes a national league all but impossible and the lack of grass pitches has seriously handicapped the development of the sport.

Ethiopia reached an all time low in the last Nations Cup when they required penalties to beat the tiny island of Mauritius and then had several players, disenchanted with the country's politics, refuse to return home.

Clubs: Ethiopia's top clubs such as St. George have been discouraged and in many cases disbanded since the 1976 revolution. The main leagues are now dominated by University, factory and armed forces sides.

GABON

FA founded: 1963. **Joined FIFA:** 1963.
ALTHOUGH Gabon have yet to make a major impact on African football they have, nevertheless, given visiting sides a tough fight in Liberville, where their recent results include a 1-1 draw with Tunisia. Asante had an equally tough fight against FC 105 in the 1983 Champions Cup, a competition US Nzambi reached the quarter-finals of in 1981.

Clubs: FC 105; US Nzambi (CC: quarter-final 81). **Recent champions:** 1980 US Nzambi, 1981 US Nzambi, 1982 FC 105, 1983 FC 105.

GHANA

FA founded: 1957. **Joined FIFA:** 1958.
National Team: Olympics: 1968, 1972 (qualified in 1976 and 1980, but withdrew). **African Nations Cup:** 1963 (W)*, 1965 (W), 1968 (RU), 1970 (RU), 1978 (W)*, 1980, 1982 (W), 1984.
* host nation
GHANA'S record in the African Nations Cup is unmatched. They have won the tournament on four occasions and won the original trophy outright. They have also qualified for four Olympic tournaments but withdrew from the 1976 and 1980 Games for political reasons.

The World Cup qualifying tournament has been their stumbling block and they have yet to reach even the last round of the African qualifying zone.

In recent years the poor financial state of the country has caused the best players to go abroad to Europe or America, if possible, or if not to a richer African country or the Middle East.

It was the poor form of their expatriate players that caused Ghana to play so badly in this years Nations Cup.

Clubs: Hearts of Oak (CC: semi-final 72, quarter-final 74, RU 77, RU 79. CWC: semi-final 82); Asante Kotoko (CC: W 67, semi-final 70, RU 71, RU 73, RU 82, W 83); Hasaccas (CWC: semi-final 81, West African Champions 1982); Great Olympics (CC: semi-final 71).

Recent champions: 1979 Hearts, 1980 Hearts, 1981 Asante, 1982 Asante, 1983 Asante.

GUINEA

FA founded: 1959. **Joined FIFA:** 1961.
National Team: Olympics: 1968. **African Nations Cup:** 1970, 1974, 1976 (RU), 1980. **African Games:** 1973 (RU). **World Youth Cup:** 1979.
GUINEA were one of Africa's most formidable sides in the 1970s and the national team lost the 1976 Nations Cup by the narrowest of margins. During the same spell Hafia won the African Cup three times and the star of the side, Papa Camara was one of the most outstanding African players in Africa. Certainly neither club nor country have been able to replace him and Guinea have not qualified for the last two Nations Cup tournaments.

In the regional competitions they have often found themselves taking second place to Senegal.

Clubs: Hafia (CC: W 72, W 75, RU 76, W 77, RU 78); Kaloum (CC: semi-final 70, semi-final 81); Horoya (CWC: W 78, semi-final 79, semi-final 83).

Recent champions: 1978 Hafia de Conakry, 1979 Hafia de Conakry, 1980 Kaloum, 1981 Kaloum, 1982 Hafia de Conakry, 1983 Hafia de Conakry.

IVORY COAST

FA founded: 1960. **Joined FIFA:** 1960.
National Team: African Nations Cup: 1965 (3rd), 1968 (3rd), 1970 (4th), 1974, 1980, 1984. **World Youth Cup:** 1977, 1983.
THE Ivory Coast league is one of the best supported and most financially sound in Africa and it attracts star players from many other African nations but particularly from neighbouring Ghana. Top clubs often have six or seven foreign players in their squad despite being strictly limited to the number who can play in league matches. The Ivory Football Federations attempts to limit the number of foreigners for league matches still further has often resulted in serious clashes with the big clubs.

The Ivory Coast's inability to perform well in the

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AFRICA'S World Cup finals qualifiers usually catch the rest of the game by surprise. BOB PATEMAN gives World Soccer readers a head start with this country-by-country survey.

CAMEROON line up before their vital 2-0 win away to Morocco in Kenitra during the 1982 World Cup qualifiers.

international arena is something of a mystery. Stade d'Abidjan are the only Ivory Coast club to win one of Africa's Club championships and their victory occurred in the mid-sixties. Between 1965 and 1970 the national team reached three Nations Cup semi-finals but lost each time. Since then their results have been even more disappointing, climaxing in this years failure in front of their home fans. However, the country can take particular pride in the way the tournament was organised.

The Ivory Coast youth team have also been particularly successful and have twice represented the continent in the World Youth Cup.

Clubs: ASEC (CC: semi-final 71, semi-final 75, quarter-final 81. CWC: semi-final 81); Africa Sport (CWC: quarter-final 82, RU 80); Stella (CWC: semi-final 75); Stade d'Abidjan (CC: W 66, quarter-final 70).

Recent champions: 1978 Africa Sport, 1979 Stella, 1980 ASEC, 1981 Stella, 1982 Africa Sport, 1983 Africa Sport.

KENYA

FA founded: 1960. **Joined FIFA:** 1968.

National Team: African Nations Cup: 1972.

DESPITE the enthusiasm Kenyans show for football the country has yet to make its mark on continental championships. The one time the national team reached the Nations Cup they finished bottom of the group while the only appearance of a Kenyan side in a club final resulted in Gor losing 8-0 in the 1979 Cup Winners Cup.

However, Kenya have in recent years dominated both the East African Championships, the National team winning the Nations Cup for three consecutive years while Gor and Leopards have shared the Club championship between them since 1979.

At home fighting off and on the pitch is becoming a serious problem. Clashes between fans and police are now a regular scene at big Nairobi games, while Gor were disqualified from this years Champions Cup after their players attacked the referee in their second round match.

Clubs: Leopards (CC: quarter-final 74, East African Champions: 1979, 82, 83, 84); Gor (CWC: RU 79, quarter-final 81, East African Champions: 1980, 81).

Recent champions: 1978 Kenya Breweries, 1979 Gor, 1980 Leopards, 1981 Leopards, 1982 Leopards, 1983 Gor.

LIBYA

FA founded: 1963. **Joined FIFA:** 1963.

National Team: African Nations Cup: 1982 (RU).

UNTIL recently Libya had very few sporting contacts with the rest of the continent and soccer in this north African country was very much an unknown quality.

However, Libya staged the 1982 African Nations Cup and the national side, taking full advantage of playing in front of their own fans, reached the final. Aided by a Rumanian coach, Bela, the team showed that they had some very good players particularly in midfield where Fawz was particularly impressive. Since then the side have proved difficult to beat and although they lost to Senegal in the '84 Nations Cup qualifying tournament and to Algeria in the Olympics they gave both these respected teams a tough game.

Libyan clubs are now entering the two African competitions and although their sides looked inexperienced last year they have proved far harder to beat this year.

Top clubs include: El Ahly Tripoli; El Madina; El Nassar.

Recent champions: 1982 El Ahyl Tripoli, 1983 El Madina.

MADAGASCAR

FA founded: 1961. **Joined FIFA:** 1962.

MADAGASCAR sides have yet to make much impact on African football. Last year the national team, having eliminated Uganda, needed only a win over Malawi to reach the Nations Cup finals for the first time but they lost to the central African side.

Madagascan clubs are unpopular opponents in the African Club Championships because of the expensive long trip involved, the hostile reception of the home crowds and the reputation these clubs have of dropping out of the competition if the first leg goes against them.

Madagascar enjoys close sporting links with the other French Indian Ocean islands and they meet Mauritius and Reunion regularly in international matches.

At home long distances and bad roads make a national league difficult and the island championship is decided by a play-off between winners of regional leagues.

Top clubs include: Dynamo de Fimia; MMM; Sotema (CWC: quarter-final 79).

Recent champions: 1978 Soa Firegini, 1979 Fortior Majungo, 1980 MMM, 1981 Somasad, 1982 Dynamo de Fimia, 1983 HTMF.

MALAWI

FA founded: 1966. **Joined FIFA:** 1967.

National Team: African Nations Cup: 1984.

WHEN Malawi reached this years African Nations Cup final it was their first major appearance in a continental championship and although they didn't win any matches they were far from disgraced. The country's only previous international success was two wins (1978 and 1979) in the East African Championship.

Despite the country's small size there is not a national league, for one thing the north of the country is very underdeveloped and it is doubtful if any of the northern clubs would qualify for any First Division competition.

Instead the main domestic interest centres around the Blantyre league where top clubs such as Bata and Limbe Leaf play. However, the more recently established Lilongwe league is growing in status and an amalgamation of these two leagues would involve all the country's top sides.

The Malawain national team supports most African competitions but club sides only enter for the East African Championship.

Top clubs: Limbe Leaf; ADMARC Tigers; Bata.

Recent Blantyre champions: 1977 Yahama, 1978 Bata, 1979 Bata, 1980 Limbe Leaf, 1981 Bata, 1982 ADMARC Tigers, 1983 Berec Power.

MALI

FA founded: 1960. **Joined FIFA:** 1962.

National Team: African Nations Cup: 1972 (RU).

MALI football reached its peak in the early 1970s

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when the national team reached the final of the 1972 Nations Cup. Their clubs also had an early impact on the Champions Cup, Stade Malien and Real Bamako being the beaten finalists in the first two competitions.

Mali's outstanding star during this period was Salif Keita, the first African footballer of the year and who was to go on to have a long and distinguished career in France.

However, despite this promising start Mali has simply not had the resources to develop the sport and they have been overtaken by other African nations. Mali clubs are still respected however, and Djoliba Athletic reached the Cup Winners Cup semi-finals in 1982.

Clubs: Real Mali; Djoliba Athletic (CC: RU 67, quarter-final 82, CWC: semi-final 81); Real Bamako (CC: RU 66, quarter-final 82. CWC: semi-final 82).

Recent champions: 1980 Real Mali, 1981 Real Mali, 1982 Djoliba Bamako, 1983 Real Bamako.

MOROCCO

FA founded: 1955. **Joined FIFA:** 1956.

National Team: World Cup: 1970. (Final African qualifying round, 1982). **African Nations Cup:** 1972, 1976 (W), 1978, 1980. **World Youth Cup:** 1977.

MOROCCO remain one of Africa's most respected sides and their performance in the 1970 World Cup in which they narrowly lost to West Germany and held Bulgaria to a 1-1 draw was a remarkable performance.

The same team also competed in the 1972 Olympics, again with distinction, as they reached the semi-final round.

The squad completed its successful run by winnng the 1976 Nations Cup, Ahmed Faras the 1975 African Player of the Year, scoring the decisive goal in the final. Since then Morocco have continued to challenge for the major honours.

They reached the last four of the 1982 World Cup qualifying tie but lost to Cameroons but they defeated Nigeria to reach this years Olympic tournament. Moroccan clubs earnt great respect in north Africa, US Marocaine and Wydad AC were regular winners of the old north African championship, but their clubs have only recently started to enter the two African club competitions.

Clubs: Wydad AC; Kenitra (CC: quarter-final 83); Berkane; Glas.

Recent champions: 1981 Kenitra, 1982 Kenitra, 1983 Maghreb Athletic.

MOZAMBIQUE

FA founded: 1978. **Joined FIFA:** 1978.

MOZAMBIQUE football is still best remembered for the performances of stars such as Eusebio and Mario Coluna who won international fame with Benfica and Portugal in the sixties. However, beyond taking a few stars to Lisbon the Portuguese authorities did little to develop the game amongst the native population while since independence the government have had more serious matters to contend with.

As a result although Mozambique teams regularly compete in all the African competitions their success has been extremely limited. In the recent Olympic qualifying round they were twice beaten by Zimbabwe, a result that lost Mario Coluna his job as national team coach. They did however, produce a remarkable 3-0 home victory over Cameroon in the Nations Cup but lost the second leg 4-0.

Top clubs: Maputo Ferroviaro; Desportivo de Maputo.

Recent champions: 1982 Maputo Ferroviaro, 1983 Desportivo Maputo.

NIGERIA

FA founded: 1945. **Joined FIFA:** 1959.

National Team: World Cup: Final African qualifying round 1970, 1978, 1982. **Olympics:** 1968. **African Nations Cup:** 1963, 1976 (3rd), 1978 (3rd), 1980 (W), 1982, 1984 (RU). **African Games:** Winners 1973, Runners-Up 1978. **World Youth Cup:** 1983.

DESPITE the occasional good performance Nigeria have generally lacked consistency in major competitions. The national team have, for example, reached the final qualifying round of the World Cup on three occasions but have yet to make it through to the finals.

The 'Green Eagles' finest achievement was without doubt their 1980 Nations Cup victory in which they beat Algeria in the final.

Even during this competition however, Nigerian football was split over those who wanted to use home based players and those who were in favour of bringing Nigerian players back from abroad. Many Nigerian players have accepted soccer scholarships in America and others play in the Middle East and it was arguments over this point that caused the Brazilian coaches Otto Gloria and Paul Cearless to terminate their spell with the national team.

After a disastrous Nations Cup in 1982 Nigeria bounced back in Ivory Coast this year to take second place.

At home the Nigerian league is generally well supported and efficient, although it has had its share of stadium accidents, fighting, bribes and scandals. There were particularly unpleasant scenes in this years Cup Winners Cup match between Stationary Stores and Asec which saw the home team heavily fined after their home match was abandoned due to fighting.

The Challenge Cup is the other major competition and this is perhaps more representative of the whole country. It starts off as individual state competitions then goes into a four group mini league quarter-final before returning to a straight knock out competition for the last two rounds.

Nigeria have been one of the leading forces in West African football and it was a Nigerian, J. K. Tondoh who became the first president of the WAF.

Clubs: Enugu Rangers (CC: RU 72, semi-final 78, semi-final 82. CWC: W 77); Bendel Insurance (CC: semi-final 80. CWC: semi-final 79); Raccah Rovers (CC: quarter-final 79); Stationary Stores (CWC: RU 81); IICC Shooting Stars (CWC: W 76).

Recent champions: 1976 Water Corporation, 1977 Enugu Rangers, 1978 Raccah Rovers, 1979 Bendel Insurance, 1980 Enugu Rangers, 1981 Enugu Rangers, 1982 Enugu Rangers, 1983 Ibadan Shooting Stars.

SENEGAL

FA founded: 1960. **Joined FIFA:** 1962.

National Team: African Nations Cup: 1965 (3rd), 1968.

SENEGAL are one of West Africa's most respected sides, although they have seldom had much success in continental championships they have dominated their zone of the African regional competition winning five of the first seven titles. Their win this year came after an exciting tussle with home side Sierra Leone who they beat on penalties.

Similarly, Senegal clubs have done well in the West African Cup, winning the trophy in 1978, 1979 and 1980.

Senegal's African Nations Cup final appearances have been limited to the 1965 and 1968 tournaments and their best result was an excellent third place achieved in '65.

Clubs: Jaraaf (CC: semi-final 83); AC Police (West African Champions 1979, 1980. CC: quarter-final 80); Union Sportive (West African Champions 1978. CC: 79); SEIB Diourbel.

Recent champions: 1978 Union Geonne, 1979 AS Police, 1980 SEIB Diourbel, 1981 US Goree, 1982 Jaraaf, 1983 SEIB Diourbel.

SOMALIA

FA founded: 1951. **Joined FIFA:** 1961.

SOMALIA teams have seldom made much impact on either club or international tournaments and the international team do not always enter for continental championships. The last major event they took part in was the '82 World Cup qualifying round which they lost, rather tamely, to Niger. Since the mid seventies they have made occasional appearances in the East African Championship but have yet to reach the final of this tournament.

Somali players are noted for speed, international winger Mukhtar Ahmed who played well at this years East African Championship is typical, but due to a lack of training at even the highest club levels they tend to lack stamina.

Top clubs: Wagad; Horseed (East African runners up 77); Public Works.

Recent champions: 1980 Horseed, 1981 Public Works, 1982 Wagad, 1983 National Printing Agency.

SUDAN

FA founded: 1936. **Joined FIFA:** 1948.

National Team: World Cup: Final African qualifying round 1970. **Olympics:** 1972. **African Nations Cup:** 1957 (RU), 1959 (RU), 1963 (RU), 1970 (W), 1972, 1976.

SUDAN were one of the founders of the AFC and were original competitors in the African Nations Cup. They finished runners up to Egypt in the first tournaments but by far their best performance came in 1970 when they won the trophy on their home ground beating Ghana 1-0 in a bad tempered final. Sudanese clubs have never really made any impact on the continent's championships and generally the standard of football in the country has fallen behind the rest of the continent. Certainly economic and political problems have not helped the development of sport in Sudan.

The country's only recent success came in the 1980 East and Central African Championship when the team, again playing with home advantage, beat Tanzania 1-0 in the final. Their coach for these championships was Brazilian Paul Moreira who had been brought out two weeks before the tournament started, some indication of the hand to mouth existence of Sudanese football.

Clubs: El Hilal; Merrikh.

Recent champions: 1981 El Hilal, 1982 Merrikh, 1983 El Hilal.

SWAZILAND

FA founded: 1976. **Joined FIFA:** 1976.

RECENTLY Swaziland have become enthusiastic competitors in the African Club Championships but this small landlocked country lacks the population to match the standard achieved by the larger nations. The occasional international victory, such as Highlanders 1983 defeat of Botswana's Township Rollers are cause for nationwide celebrations.

Swaziland have been able to attract major European sides, including Tottenham and Manchester United, for friendly tournaments knowing that thousands of soccer fans in South Africa will make the games a financial success. The country would also like to invite South African clubs to generate much needed revenue but FIFA rules forbid this.

Top clubs: Highlanders.

Recent champions: 1980 Highlanders, 1981 Whitewash, 1982 Highlanders, 1983 Wanderers.

TANZANIA

FA Founded: 1930. **Joined FIFA:** 1964.

National Team: African Nations Cup 1980.

TANZANIA first entered the East African Championship in 1945 but were beaten 7-0 in their first match with Uganda. Up until the mid-sixties they were considered the weakest of the three East African nations but a rise in standards after independence allowed the national side to win the regional championship in both 1964 and 1965.

During the seventies Tanzanian clubs tended to do better than the national side but in 1980 the national team reached the African Nations Cup finals for the first time.

At home the establishment of a season long national league, which replaced the old regional championship, was expected to raise standards further. The league however only caters for clubs on the mainland and the overall national championship, and with it entry to the two African Club competitions, is decided in a four team play off between mainland and Zanzibar sides.

Top Clubs: Simba (East African Champions 1974); Young Africans (CC: quarter-final 70, East African Champions 1974).

Recent champions: 1976 Simba, 1977 Simba, 1978 Simba, 1979 Simba, 1980 Simba, 1981 Young Africans, 1982 Pan Africans*, 1983 Young Africans*.

*Both Mainland league and overall champions.

TOGO

FA founded: 1960. **Joined FIFA:** 1962.

National Team: African Nations Cup: 1972, 1984.

TOGO players have earned the reputation of being entertaining and skillful. On several occasions Togo clubs have had long successful runs in the two African club championships while several foreign clubs, particularly from France, have signed Togo players.

However at the same time the country is too

small to seriously challenge its larger regional neighbours of Ghana and Nigeria. As a result this years Nations Cup appearance was only the country's second and they have yet to reach the semi-final round.

Clubs: Semassi Sokode, Agaza (CWC RU 83); Shooting Stars (CC: RU 68).

Recent champions: 1979 Semassi Sokode, 1980 Agaza, 1981 Semassi Sokode, 1982 Semassi Sokode, 1983 Semassi Sokode.

TUNISIA

FA founded: 1956. **Joined FIFA:** 1960.

National Team: World Cup 1978. **African Nations Cup:** 1962 (3rd), 1963, 1965 (RU), 1978 (4th), 1962. **World Youth Cup:** 1977*.

TUNISIA have the distinction of being the first African side to win a game in a World Cup final series, they beat Mexico 3-1 in 1978 and, in the same tournament, took a point off West Germany.

Many of that successful side followed the example of centre forward Temime Lahzami and went to play in the Middle East. The national team however have nevertheless remained one of the most respected in Africa. Surprisingly they have had little success in the Nations Cup and despite playing in four final series and reaching three semi-finals the trophy has so far eluded them.

Perhaps Tunisia see themselves more as an Arab nation than an African and the long distances involved have usually prevented their clubs from entering the African club championships.

Last year was a particularly unhappy time for the national team. They were eliminated from the Nations Cup by Egypt then the behaviour of the team at the Mediterranean games led to the side being disbanded and Tunisia withdrew from the Olympics. In 1977 Tunisia successfully staged the first World Youth Cup, the first time a major soccer competition has been entrusted to Africa.

Top clubs: Sfaxien, Esperance Sportive.

UGANDA

FA Founded: 1924. **Joined FIFA:** 1959.

National Team: African Nations Cup: 1962 (4th), 1968, 1974, 1976, 1978 (RU).

UGANDA have traditionally been the most successful side in East Africa and international fixtures with Kenya date back to 1926.

In 1956 a Ugandan side actually toured England where they amazed the crowd by playing barefooted. Despite this and the cold they beat a British Olympic XI 2-1.

It was much later under the rule of General Idi Amin that the national team became a major force in Africa and they reached the final of the 1978 Nations Cup where they lost to Ghana 2-0. The young team were noted for their speed and fitness and most of the players came from the army side, Simba. This club reached the 1972 Champions Cup final. Other sides, noticeably Express, fell foul of the dictator and were banned.

Amin's last years left the whole country in ruins and it is therefore plasing to see Uganda recovered sufficiently to stage the 1982 East African championship. Although the national team have not won this competition since 1977 there are signs that the standard of football in Uganda is improving.

Top clubs: Villa (CC quarter-final 83), Nile Brewries, Kampala City Council (CC: quarter-final 78, quarter-final 82, East African champions 78), Coffee (CC: quarter-finals 71), Simba CC: RU 72).

Recent champions: 1976 Kampala CC, 1978 Kampala CC, 1978 Simba, 1979 no championship, 1980 Nile Brewries, 1981 Kampala CC, 1982 Villa, 1983 Kampala CC.

ZAIRE

FA founded: 1919. **Joined FIFA:** 1964.

National Team: World Cup: 1974. **African Nations Cup:** 1965, 1968 (W), 1970, 1972 (4th), 1974 (W), 1976.

SADLY Zairen football is still overshadowed by the 9-0 World Cup defeat to Yugoslavia in 1974. It is a shame that a fine side should be remembered for one bad game. After all a few days before the same team had made Scotland work very hard for their two-nil victory while the same squad played well in winning the 1974 Nations Cup.

Zaire, under their old title of Congo Kinshasa, had also won the Nations Cup in 1968.

After 1974, and perhaps because of the World Cup, football standards went into a decline. Zaire reached the 1976 Nations Cup but didn't make the semi-finals and that was to be their last appearance in the competition to date.

ALGERIAN veteran Salah Larbes.

They got as far as the third round of the 1982 World Cup tournament, thanks partly to a lucky draw, but were then beaten 6-1 by Cameroon.

Domestic football has not been helped by the country's financial situation which has made good equipment and pitches difficult to find. Similarly Zaire's enormous size has made a national league impracticable and the championship is fought on a knock out basis.

Clubs: Vita (CC: W 73, semi-final 78, RU 81, CWC: quarter-final 79, quarter-final 82), AS Bilma (CC: RU 80, quarter-final 83), Imana (CC: semi-final 79), T. P. Mazembe (CC: W 68, RU 69, semi-final 70, CWC: W 80).

Recent champions: 1977 Vita, 1978 Imana, 1979 A. S. Bilma, 1980 Vita, 1981 Lupapo, 1982 AS Bilma, 1983 SM Sanga Balende.

ZAMBIA

FA founded: 1929. **Joined FIFA:** 1964.

National Team: 1980. **African Nations Cup:** 1974 (RU), 1978, 1982 (RU).

DESPITE twice finishing as runners up in the Nations Cup, the Zambian national team have never acquired the consistancy to be ranked amongst Africa's top sides. Zambian players have the reputation of being strong and fit and Zambian coaches are popular in several southern African nations, particularly Botswana. At home however top clubs often employ a foreign coach and Bill McGarry and Brian Tiler have both had spells working with the national team.

The Zambian league is well run although violence on the pitch is an increasing problem and referees are often badly treated.

The Zambians do seem to take things too seriously sometimes and when the national team played badly in 1981 the entire FA Executive was dismissed by the Minister of Sport.

Over the past two years Zambia has been the major force in the setting up of Central African competitions and their sides no longer take part in East African championships.

Clubs: Green Buffaloes (CC: quarter-final 75, quarter-final 78, quarter-final 82, CWC: quarter-final 83), Mufulira (CC: semi-final 77), Nchanga (CC: quarter final 81), Power Dynamos (CWC: quarter-final 81, RU 82, Rothman Cup winners 83), N'Kana Red Devils (CC: 83).

Recent champions: 1975 Green Buffaloes, 1976 Mufulira, 1977 Green Buffaloes, 1978 Mufulira, 1979 Power Dynamoes, 1980 Nchanga Rangers, 1981 Green Buffaloes, 1982 N'Kanda Red Devils, 1982 N'Kanda Red Devils.

ZIMBABWE

FA founded: 1965. **Joined FIFA:** 1965.

IN 1980 Zimbabwe beat Zambia in the final of their independence celebrations tournament, a series which marked the end of white rule and the return of the country to the world of intertnational sport.

Since the 1960s football had undergone a drastic change with the best clubs and players were increasingly coming from the black community. While cricket and rugby remain, even after independence, primarily supported by the white community football is now the most popular sport of Zimbabwe's black population. The one exception is with coaches and most first division sides employ a white coach.

The game attracts valuable sponsorship and the league and cup competitions are well run and supported.

However after some promising early results Zimbabwe's international performances have been disappointing and the country still awaits its first appearance in a major competition such as the Nations Cup Finals.

Clubs: Dynamos (CC: quarter-final 81), CAPS United (CWC: quarter-final 82), Black Rhinos Rio Tinto (East African RU 1982).

Recent champions: 1976 Dynamos, 1977 Zimbabwe Saints, 1978 Dynamos, 1979 CAPS, 1980 Dynamos, 1981 Dynamos, 1982 Dynamos, 1983 Dynamos.

Turning back the p of soccer his

THE history of two famous Southern clubs have been recently published *(The History of Portsmouth Football Club* by Mike Neasom, Mick Cooper and Doug Robinson (Milestone Publications) and *The West Ham Story* by my old friend and co-founder of the Chelsea Casuals, John Moynihan (Arthur Barker, £6.95, an extraordinary, splendidly illustrated, bargain).

The Portsmouth history too is a generously presented, economically priced book, but where it disappointed me was in its superfiecial treatment of this distinguished club's history. You can see the problem. For many years a club of power and distinction, F.A. Cup finalists at Wembley between the wars, startling winners over Wolves there in 1939, exciting winners of the Championship in 1949 and 1950, Portsmouth have been in a backwater for nearly thirty years.

What, then, do you do? When those three dim decades have produced so little, do you emphasise the fact by dealing extensively with the distant past, and hardly at all with the years of mediocrity? Or do you cut your losses, skate over the earlier years, and pander to whatever public you hope to get by concentrating on more recent years, in which Portsmouth have done little more than fight their way back into the Second Division, thanks to the generous financial support and the shrewd financial juggling of the Chairman, John Deacon?

The authors have taken the latter course, and though the illustrations are often, as in Moyinhan's case, excellent and evocative, the book is a dull read for all but a Portsmouth aficionado. I wanted to hear all about that extraordinary manager Jack Tinn, with his "lucky" white spats; all about the fascinating preamble to that 1939 Final, when the Pompey players were entertained by the comedian Albert Burdon to put them at their ease. When, at least according to legend, they took heart from seeing the visitors' book, brought into their dressing room after it had been signed by the Wolves players; so pitifully nervous that their signatures were reduced to the merest scrawl.

Portsmouth, captained by the future leaders of the Players' Union, Jimmy Guthrie, from right-half, went out to annihilate Stan Cullis and his men, winning by a devastating 4-1.

Moynihan, of course, is one of the very few truly gifted writers working in football journalism. His book about "course" football, the *Soccer Syndrome*, still stands on its own, with its splendidly funny, well observed, evocative pieces on the marginalia of the game. Would that it were still in print; but chase it if you can.

He is, and does not pretend he isn't, essentially a Chelsea fan, but this book on the Hammers is substantially more than a piece of hack work, thrown off in the cause of making ends meet. He has worked hard and well on it; as evidenced by the fact that he even tracked down the nonogenarian Dick Pym, the Devon fisherman who became Bolton Wanderers' distinguished goalkeeper in the 1920s. The book is as elegantly written as you would expect from so acomplished a journalist, and Arthur Barker are now producing their books in a style which once seemed unattainable for them. Warmly recommended. But why no index?

C.B. The Life of Charles Burgess Fry by Clive Ellis (Dent, £10.95) may not solve the mysteries of this strange, sad, enigmatic man, epitome of the scholar-athlete, may concentrate too heavily on past cricket games, but there are passages of great interest to football followers. Fry was an excellent full-back who played for the Corinthians, and as an amateur for Southampton. The chapter "Soccer Star" treats his footballing career in fascinating detail. In 1902, Fry helped Southampton, then a Southern League side (like Spurs, who had won the Cup the year before) to go all the way though to the Final at Crystal Palace.

All the way, indeed, to two finals, since the first, against Sheffield United, was drawn, necessitating a replay, which the Yorkshire team won. Fry had influenza shortly before the first game, and the Saints sent him to Brighton, in the time honoured Cup tie manner, to promote his recovery.

He was something of a controversial figure, and an interesting sidelight on the contemporary game is given by the fact that when he joined Southampton from the

The traditional scene for a picture for every new footballer in Milan — Ray Wilkins and Mark Hateley in front of the city's cathedral.

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Corinthians, he hardly knew how to head the ball. With characteristic application, he mastered that art; but a full-back who couldn't head the ball? He wouldn't get a place nowadays in the Spartan League, let alone in a team as well known then as were Southampton.

In the October 1900 edition of the popular magazine, THE CAPTAIN, Fry made no bones about his low opinion of the morality of the professional game. He wrote:

Formerly many of the northern and midland players indulged only too frequently in tripping and pushing and other illegalities. There were always some who were scrupulously fair, but I fear they were in the minority. I remember being extremely annoyed and exasperated by their tricks: they seemed to me to trip you and shove you as a matter of course.

He recalled particularly a game at Sunderland when "the centre-forward made a bracket of his forearms and carried the ball through the goal from a scramble just in front.I told him in round terms that he was not an honourable man."

The centre-forward contemptuously replied that "yon could na' see," yon being the referee. "The truth is," wrote Fry, with weary realism, "they played the game in a totally different manner from we (SIC!!) Southerners; their standard was different."

Point taken; though it is somewhat horrifying to see a gentleman, an Oxford classical scholar and a distinguised writer unable to master the grammar of the first person plural of the personal pronoun. A lapse, one might add, which was recently twice to be found within a few weeks on the otherwise unsullied sports pages of *The Observer* (stand up for rebuke, P. Corrigan and C. Brasher, and give not Fry as your excuse!).

In another book published this season, Bill Nicholson, once a hard working, indispensable, Spurs right-half, later their greatly successful, double winning manager, deplores the standards of the contemporary game. Match after match, he has complained, consists of one side or the other booting the ball high down the field, hoping for a productive knock down.

It's very hard to identify this bleak panorama; unless one were watching a team like Watford or Sheffield Wednesday. If anything, there was more of this kind of biff and bang football in Nicholson's own playing day, when Wolverhampton Wanderers did so well with their long ball football. Certainly Liverpool turned their back on such methods over a decade ago, quite consciously, after Red Star Belgrade had knocked them embarrassingly out of the European Cup in 1973.

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

When Liverpool managed to edge out Roma last May in the European Cup Final at the Olimpico, they did so, as we all know, not with the biff and bang long ball tactics so beloved by certain members of the F.A. Coaching Department, but by the the Italians themselves call *la medlinda*, keep ball, the web of short passes in midfield which denies any kind oif possession to the opposition and ultimately demoralises them. As was admitted after the game both by Di Bartolomei, the captain of Roma, and by their manager, Nils Liefholm (both, by the bye, now at Milan, with the splendid Hateley and the greatly improved Butch Wilkins).

Ernie Gregory, much in evidence in John Moynihan's lively book, a West Ham goalkeeper of renown, their chief scout now, was himself most caustic on the subject of the modern game, when I travelled back with him from a recent Southampton-Manchester United game.

The truth is that football, like theatre and the novel, is always "dying," is never as good as it used to be. Gregory speaks with regret and nostalgia of the days when there were Finney and Matthews, Doherty and Carter, but you look at film of the Matthews final of 1953 and you can hardly believe your eyes; such pathetic goalkeeping, such acres of conceded space, such an easy life for forwards.

Much football today is indeed tedious, but the defensive approach to the game is almost as old as League football itself. I remember in the 1940s reading L. V. Manning in the *Daily Sketch* — doyen of English football writers — alluding almost in passing to the way that football disappeared into "the melting pot" of the League game.

The old biff and bang, so beloved of our senior F.A. Coaches, was evident enough as long ago as 1932, when little Jimmy Hogan, the great Lancastrian coach, brought his Austrian Wunderteam to Chelsea in 1932, and was appalled by the Chelsea-Everton game they all saw, four days earlier. All that happened was that the ball was booted high down the field to a couple of the game's most illustrious centre-forwards; big Dixie Dean of Everton, which made a certain sense, and tiny Hughie Gallacher of Chelsea, which made no sense at all.

Other critics of the contemporary game tend to come from sports television; who have a substantial interest to declare. My old and respected interviewee Adrian Metcalf, a splendid 400 metres man in his day, but one who knows nothing of football, was recently vituperating about the ills of the game; one he scarcely knows as well as he does athletics.

It is somewhat arrogant stuff as you will discern:

"Football is the classic example of a sport marching into obscurity because it won't sit down with television and look at itself. The game is getting so boring nobody bothers to go, and unless television is allowed to play some part in its revival nobody will bother to watch it on the box for much longer either."

So there! Shades of what was said by Jonathan Martin, Head of BBC Sport, just a few weeks earlier, when he declared that the time was approaching when the Football League would have to plan its fixture list around the demand of television for live matches. A pronouncement which almost at once lost a deal of its force when it was announced by West Nally, the people who put the billboards round the stadiums, that their advertisers were not going to pay more than 50 per cent of what they'd been giving the League clubs till now. Since the whole attraction of television — one which exposes the BBC in particular to charges of grotesque double standards — has been the televising of the billboards, the bottom could drop out of the whole market. Were it not, of course, for the still greater attraction of shirt advertising, which is coming. On television, that is to say.

Metcalfe's little polemic begs so many questions that one wonders where to start. In the first place football on the field and football on television are, as I have so often had cause to remark before, two quite different things, one having only a passing resemblance to the other. In the second, I have said here often enough that sitting down with television is largely the equivalent of Little Red Riding Hood sitting down with the wolf. It was indeed unfortunate that Metcalfe should call up the bloated spectre of gridiron football. We all know that the pro game in the States is utterly the creature of television, to which it is pawned and prostituted. It never did have much of a life of its own until television came along, where soccer has had an immensely strong organic life for a century or more.

In the second place, can the game really be dying when Manchester United have been drawing between 55,000 and 57,000 to their games, when 100,000 went to the meaningless Charity Shield at Wembley, even if it *was* a Merseyside derby; when 93,000 saw Real Madrid lose to Barcelona, and 70,000 watched a mere friendly between Naples and River Plate of Buenos Aires. The same number of season tickets have been sold by Naples, after signing Diego Maradona. No, the game isn't dying, and if it may at times be boring, what is more deadly and eternally boring than gridiron football? for all its exposure on Channel 4, by the way, gridiron drew only 20-odd thousand spectators to Wembley this summer when two of the leading American teams played there.

Certainly football, including televised football, can be appallingly boring at times; not least, ironically, the first live televised game of the current English season a dreadful Friday night affair which I watched on the spot, between Chelsea and Everton. But whether a sports event will be lively or dull is, so far as most team games go, something almost impossible to anticipate.

from Sue Mott and Colin Jose

TORONTO STUNG BY CHICAGO

NASL FINAL
OCTOBER 1

Chicago
Chicago Sting 2 (Margetic 50, Rojas 85)
Toronto Blizzard 1 (Wilson 15)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 8,352. **Ref:** Socha (USA)
Chicago: Nogueira, Kodelja, Simanton, Knight, Huson, Glenn, Rojas, Gray, Seninho, Granitza, Margetic.
Toronto: Hammond, Miller, Karlsson, Spalding, Wilson, Calvert, Ragan, Ntsoelengoe, DeLuca, Byrne, Bettega (Falzon 80).

OCTOBER 3

Toronto
Toronto Blizzard 2 (Paskin 71, Bettega 73)
Chicago Sting 3 (Simanton 17, Margetic 68, 82)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 16,842. **Ref:** Maxwell (USA)
Toronto: Hammond, Calvert, Karlsson, Spalding, Wilson, Nicholl (Falzon 37), Ragan, Ntsoelengoe, DeLuca (Paskin 70), Byrne, Bettega.
Chicago: Nogueira, Kodelja, Simanton, Knight, Huson (Matthieu), Glenn (Meschbach), Rojas, Gray, Seninho, Granitza, Margetic.

WITH heavy irony and a winning goal by Argentine forward Pato Margetic, Chicago Sting became North America's 1984 Soccer Bowl champions.

They won the best-of-three series with a two-game sweep over the Toronto Blizzard — a feat which attracted the merest twinge of interest from the American public (9,000 for the first match in Chicago, 17,000 in Toronto) but excited much irritation at the North American Soccer League headquarters.

For Chicago are an NASL team no longer. There lies the irony. Along with the San Diego Sockers, they have jumped ship and plumped instead for a suburban phenomenon known as indoor soccer.

This peculiar combination of pin-ball action and half-time laser shows, promoted by the seven-year-old Major Indoor Soccer League, has attracted such support in the sporting hinterlands of America, like Kansas, St Louis and Wichita, the 18-year-old NASL has suddenly found itself the junior partner.

Even the illustrious New York Cosmos, now owned by absentee landlord Giorgio Chinaglia who seems more preoccupied by events in Lazio than the East Coast America, have opted to experiment with the MISL along with the Minnesota Strikers but both clubs have vowed to return to the outdoor version next summer.

All this is extremely galling to the tattered remainder of NASL hierarchy who once rejected the MISL's offer of a merger with disdain. That insult was avenged this year when MISL commissioner Earl Foreman not only refused the NASL's plea to marry, but borrowed four of the NASL's biggest clubs, two of them permanently.

The NASL is now reduced to five clubs — Toronto, Minnesota, Tampa Bay, Vancouver and the Cosmos — as owners flee in all directions to escape what they perceive as impending collapse. Last year's Soccer Bowl champions, the Tulsa Roughnecks, are no more. They folded after transferring ownership to an Oklahoma TV executive who swiftly discovered that soccer's entertainment rating in the States is far below an afernoon soap opera:.

The Golden Bay Earthquakes, owned by a Silicon Valley millionaire, was disbanded and sent south, virtually en masse, to swell San Diego's indoor troops. Included in the package was the NASL Player of the Year, Steve Zungul, a Yugoslav draft-dodger who had earned the title "Lord of All Indoors" for his goal-scoring prowess.

This leaves the North American Microleague not only short of clubs but also lacking in star names where once the flamboyant likes of Pele, Best and Cruyff roamed free to the roar of thousands.

The Cosmos still have Dutchman Johan Neeskens and Yugoslav Vladislav Bogicevic on their books, both senior citizens in soccer terms, but "Help The Aged" duties fall almost exclusively to a fleet of young low-cost Americans.

As for the roar of thousands, the volume reduced as the crowds conspicuously declined. In 1977, over 77,000 packed Giants Stadium in New Jersey to say goodbye to Pele. This year the Cosmos suffered their worst ever attendance figure at that same stadium when only 6,000 turned up for a league match.

In a bid to stem the ebbing tide and capitalise on the huge soccer attendances at the Los Angeles Olympics (over 1.4 million), a blueprint for survival is being constructed by the NASL mandarins. Chief bright idea is the inclusion of top Mexican clubs in a North American cup tournament to fortify the league's ailing international reputation.

But main hopes for a revival, or perhaps exhumation given the current corpse-like state of the outdoor game, centres around the US national team.

A 4-0 win over the Netherlands Antilles in the first round of their World Cup qualifiers had fuelled the fires of patriotism, but critics noted that the Caribbean side were somewhat disadvantaged having three men sent off by the Canadian referee.

If the US national team can be coaxed to Mexico in 1986, the marketeers predict a bonanza of coverage, crowds and cash. This last is of some import to the national team players, since they cannot be paid unless they qualify for the finals.

Preparing for their Netherlands Antilles match, the team was shacked up in a New Jersey motel which specialised in mirrors on the ceiling and soft-porn movies. No USSF official was able to say whether this was a cost-cutting exercise or an experiment in subliminal inspiration.

However, since new president Werner Fricker was elected to office at the USSF he has promised to bring order to the financial chaos he inherited. And another top priority will be to repair relations with FIFA, damaged by the abortive US World Cup bid for 1986 and annual cries from the radicals to delimit substitutions and make the goals 10 feet high.

Unfortunately for the success of this noble ambition, the last time FIFA heard from Fricker he was advising them that the USSF had hired an attorney in Zurich to sue them for their rejection of the World Cup bid. This civil action has now been dropped.

If the NASL does overcome all these technical hitches and struggle on to next season, it will continue this year's practice of playing a home/away Soccer Bowl to drum up respectable attendances.

Chicago first won the NASL championship in 1981 beating the Cosmos 1-0 in a shoot-out in the Soccer Bowl at Toronto's Exhibition Stadium. This year they once again captured the title in Toronto beating the Blizzard 3-2 at Varsity Stadium after having won the first game at Comiskey Park in Chicago 2-1.

To reach the final the Sting topped the Eastern Division over the Blizzard and the New York Cosmos and then beat the Vancouver Whitecaps in three games in the semi-final. Toronto finishing second in the east beat Western Division champions San Diego Sockers in the other semi-final.

The final itself was marred by the bitterness of the relationship between the two clubs, brought about in part by Chicago's decision to leave the NASL and also by criticism of each team's style and tactics by players and officials on both sides.

In the first game of the final referee David Socha handed out 12 yellow caution cards (an NASL record) with Chicago players drawing seven of them to five for Toronto. Blizzard captain Bruce Wilson gave Toronto the lead after 15 minutes when Sting goalkeeper Victor Nogueira allowed his long through ball to run between his legs and trickle over the line. But Chicago came back to dominate the second half and after 50 minutes Pato Margetic equalised. Five minutes from time Chilean international Manny Rojas scored the winner to put the pressure on Toronto to win the second game.

Played at Varsity Stadium before a high vocal crowd of 16,842 who sounded more like 30,000 the second game had an atmosphere of excitement that is all too often missing from NASL games, but the chanting singing crowd was quickly disappointed as defender Mark Simanton headed Chicago into the lead after 17 minutes. Toronto came close to equalising just befoe half-time as David Byrne hit the inside of a post and Roberto Bettinga hit the rebound against the other post.

Pato Margetic made it 2-0 for Chicago in the 68th minute and at that point it looked to be all over for the Blizzard, but Toronto immediately brought on striker John Paskin and with his first touch of the ball he made it 2-1. Less than two minutes later Bettega shot Toronto level. But now surprisingly the momentum shifted back to Chicago and with eight minutes left to play Rojas scored the winning goal, his shot deflecting off a Blizzard defender.

Libertadores Cup . . . Part 17 . . . from ERIC WEIL

Facts and figures

THE 1984 Libertadores Cup tournament was the 25th since this South American club championship was started in 1960, although in its early years, when it was only played by each country's champions it was called the Copa de Campeones (champions cup).

The 1984 tournament has just been fully reported by *World Soccer* and there is no need to go into it again, but it was fittingly won by Argentina's Independiente, who have won the trophy on most occasions — seven times — and also have the record of never having lost a final.

Statistically, the Libertadores Cup Story in its first 25 years is the story of 108 clubs, 1,624 matches and 4,400 goals.

As can be seen from the statistics, 108 clubs have taken part and it is not at all surprising that two clubs from little Uruguay top the chart. Peñarol and Nacional are Uruguay's only two big clubs and in most years they finish in the top two positions to qualify for the cup, so they have played easily the most matches in it. In fact, as mentioned earlier, it was delegates from these two clubs who urged the South American Soccer Confederation most to have vice-champions included in the tournament from 1966 onwards.

World Soccer has over the years (and also in this series) described many of the 1,624 matches played and the many ugly incidents which have given this tournament such a bad name. While Peñarol have played most matches (186), River Plate played most in one year — 21 at their first attempt in 1966 (before the tournament was shortened) and they didn't win the cup.

We have also described a number of the 4,400 goals among which there are two records which are likely to stand — Spencer, an Ecuadorian who played for Peñarol was the tournament's top scorer (alone or jointly) in its first three years and although there is a slight doubt about how many cup goals he scored altogether, it was just over 50 and no player is likely ever to equal that. River Plate's Daniel Onega was the leading cup scorer in 1966 with 17 goals and, partly because the tournament is now shorter, this record is also likely to stand.

In spite of its uncertain beginnings the competition is here to stay and has caught the interest of the fans more than matches and even tournaments between national teams at continental level. Accurate gate and attendance records could not be kept, because some clubs do not publish one or the other or both.

For what they are worth, records published by a now defunct Argentine sports magazine until 1979 showed the highest attendance in a match in soccer-mad Brazil between Sao Paulo rivals Corinthians and Sao Paulo FC in 1977 — 88,974 and it was not even the final. Another match between two Brazilian rivals in 1973, had only a slightly lower attendance and both were first round group games. These statistics also show that while the first tournament of 13 games was watched by 335,000 spectators, a total of 2,331,500 saw the 1966 tournament of 113 games which was the longest. But in both cases the average attendance per match was around 25,000.

In later years total attendance was reckoned to be around the two million mark for an average of around 26,000 . . . which again does not tell everything. As the first round is played in groups of four, there are invariably many "dead" matches with very low attendances — also occasionally in the semi-final rounds in groups of three — and at some stadiums where matches are played capacity is limited. But for many years now the Libertadores Cup has had a larger television audience than that at stadiums and this is also where a lot of the money came from.

Talking of money, numerous clubs have continuously complained that the tournament is not the money spinner it is made out to be and, in fact, left clubs with a deficit. The latest to raise voices are officials of Olimpia (Paraguay) who participate almost every year and say the tournament costs them money. Peñarol, who are in it almost every year also, would be expected to be quite well off, but they are virtually bankrupt.

Argentina FA chief Julio Grondona, a former president of Independiente, says it isn't true. His club, he says, has always made money on the tournament and it was all a question of how things are managed. Independiente, of course, have been successful, but on the other hand, Argentina's Estudiantes de La Plata were left in a serious financial position after participating in the cup four years running from 1968-71 and winning it three times. The players took all the profits, said the club's president at the time and soon after shot himself.

TOTAL LIBERTADORES CUP RECORDS OVER 25 YEARS

	Cups	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PEÑAROL (Uruguay)	21	186	94	43	49	297	178	231
Nacional (Uruguay)	16	151	76	39	36	258	138	191
River Plate (Argentina)	10	109	53	28	28	182	114	134
Independiente (Argentina)	12	95	50	22	23	131	68	122
Olimpia (Paraguay)	18	118	44	37	37	155	132	115
Universitario (Peru)	12	101	39	28	34	141	137	106
Boca Juniors (Argentina)	9	79	43	18	18	109	60	104
Cerro Porteño (Paraguay)	12	86	30	26	30	122	130	86
Deportivo Cali (Colombia)	10	79	34	18	27	115	103	86
Estudiantes La Plata (Argentina)	7	53	30	10	13	73	43	70
Palmeiras (Brazil)	6	50	31	4	15	88	54	66
Universidad Catolica (Chile)	6	61	27	12	22	103	87	66
Sporting Cristal (Peru)	10	67	23	19	25	81	90	65
Cruzeiro (Brazil)	4	62	29	4	9	101	52	62
Colo Colo (Chile)	8	63	24	13	26	106	111	61
Guarani (Paraguay)	6	59	21	17	20	78	73	59
Barcelona (Ecaudor)	9	62	20	14	28	73	93	54
Nacional (Ecuador)	9	54	20	13	21	64	66	53
Portuguesa (Venezuela)	9	64	17	19	28	58	97	53
Bolivar (Bolivia)	8	53	19	13	21	90	85	51
Emelec (Ecuador)	7	57	21	9	27	74	93	51
Universidad de Chile (Ecuador)	9	56	20	10	26	75	82	50
Flamengo (Brazil)	4	35	21	8	6	78	40	50
Millionarios (Colombia)	9	50	18	12	20	65	68	48
Union Española (Chile)	6	47	16	15	16	58	64	47
Jorge Wilsterman (Bolivia)	10	60	16	13	31	60	112	45
Rosario Central (Argentina)	5	36	19	7	10	55	36	45
Liga Dep. Universitaria (Ecuador)	5	43	16	11	16	59	63	43
Alianza Lima (Peru)	8	56	16	10	30	73	98	42
Sao Paulo (Brazil)	4	34	15	12	8	52	31	42
Cobreloa (Chile)	3	31	15	9	7	47	23	39
Racing Club (Argentina)	3	27	16	6	5	54	26	38
The Strongest (Bolivia)	7	41	15	6	20	54	77	36
Internacional P.A. (Brazil)	3	28	14	7	7	35	22	35
Deportivo Italia (Venezuela)	6	42	13	8	21	43	76	34
Santos (Brazil)	4	26	15	3	8	62	41	33
Gremio (Brazil)	3	24	12	8	4	42	22	32
Nacional Medellin (Colombia)	5	30	10	7	13	29	42	27
Galicia (Venezuela)	9	54	8	9	37	39	101	25
Independiente Santa Fe (Colombia)	5	34	8	9	17	40	62	25
America Cali (Colombia)	3	26	8	9	9	31	38	25
Atletico Mineiro (Brazil)	3	23	7	10	6	32	26	24
America (Ecuador)	3	22	9	5	8	25	28	23
Botafogo Rio (Brazil)	2	17	10	3	4	30	23	23
Palestino (Chile)	3	22	7	6	9	31	27	20
Junior Barranquilla (Colombia)	4	24	6	7	11	18	36	19
Oriente Petrolero (Bolivia)	5	30	7	4	19	30	60	18
Libertad (Paraguay)	3	22	6	6	10	18	27	18
San Lorenzo (Argentina)	2	15	7	4	4	26	10	18
Tolima (Colombia)	2	16	5	8	3	16	15	18
Estudiantes Merida (Venezuela)	4	24	5	7	12	21	37	17
Sol de America (Paraguay)	3	18	6	5	7	24	29	17
O'Higgins (Chile)	3	22	4	6	12	22	32	14
Huracán (Argentina)	1	11	6	2	3	19	12	14
Vasco da Gama (Brazil)	2	12	4	5	3	14	9	13
Guarani S.P. (Brazil)	1	10	5	3	2	20	10	13
Velez Sarsfield (Argentina)	1	11	4	5	2	12	7	13
Municipal (Bolivia)	3	19	4	4	11	33	44	12
Wanderers (Uruguay)	2	13	4	4	5	18	17	12
Defensor (Uruguay)	3	17	2	7	8	10	23	11
Deportivo Cuenca (Ecuador)	2	13	4	3	6	13	20	11
Blooming (Bolivia)	2	12	4	3	5	14	23	11
Wanderers (Chile)	1	12	4	3	5	20	22	11
Universidad Catolica (Ecuador)	2	12	4	2	6	12	10	10
Melgar (Peru)	2	12	5	–	7	14	21	10
Universidad de los Andes (Venez)	1	11	5	–	7	10	18	10
Union Huaral (Peru)	2	12	2	5	5	11	22	9
Bella Vista (Uruguay)	1	6	4	1	1	16	5	9
Independiente Medellin (Colombia)	1	10	4	1	5	17	19	9
San Cristobal (Venezuela)	1	10	3	3	4	10	12	9
Defensor Lima (Peru)	1	10	4	1	5	8	12	9
Valencia (Venezuela)	3	16	2	4	10	16	36	8
Danubio (Uruguay)	2	12	3	2	7	14	16	8
Fluminense Rio (Brazil)	1	6	4	–	2	16	6	8
Newell's Old Boys (Argentina)	1	7	3	2	2	9	9	8
Sport Boys (Peru)	2	14	2	3	9	12	18	7
Tachira (Venezuela)	3	17	–	6	11	4	22	6
Deportivo Quito (Ecuador)	2	10	1	4	5	7	19	6
Huachipato (Chile)	1	6	2	2	2	10	10	6
Aurich Chiclana (Peru)	1	8	2	2	4	14	20	6
Alfonso Ugarte (Peru)	1	6	1	4	1	5	8	6
Sportivo Luqueño (Paraguay)	2	12	1	3	8	7	20	5
Union Magdalena (Colombia)	1	6	2	1	3	7	8	5
31 de Octubre (Bolivia)	1	10	2	1	7	12	29	5
Corinthians S.P. (Brazil)	1	6	2	1	3	10	6	5
Everton (Chile)	1	6	2	1	3	7	8	5
Defensor Arica (Peru)	1	6	1	3	2	5	6	5
Ferrocarril Oeste (Argentina)	1	6	2	1	3	4	5	5
Tecnico Universitario (Ecuador)	2	12	1	2	9	15	27	4
Nueve de Octubre (Ecuador)	2	16	1	2	13	20	53	4
Nautico Recife (Brazil)	1	6	1	2	3	7	8	4
Union San Felipe (Chile)	1	6	1	2	3	5	8	4
Deportiva Canarias (Venezuela)	1	6	1	2	3	3	7	4
Nacional (Paraguay)	1	6	1	2	3	6	12	4
Deportivo Lara (Venezuela)	1	10	1	2	7	5	17	4
Chaco Petrolero (Bolivia)	1	6	1	1	4	5	9	3
Tacna Rangers (Chile)	1	10	1	1	8	11	26	3
Bahia (Brazil)	1	2	1	–	1	3	5	2
Quilmes (Argentina)	1	6	1	–	5	7	11	2
Deportivo Chaco (Bolivia)	1	6	1	–	5	3	13	2
Guabira (Bolivia)	1	6	1	–	5	2	15	2
Always Ready (Bolivia)	1	6	–	2	4	3	18	2
Universitario (Bolivia)	1	6	–	2	4	2	19	2
Atletico Torino (Peru)	1	6	–	1	5	4	16	1
Aurora (Bolivia)	1	4	–	1	3	2	14	1
Litoral (Bolivia)	1	6	–	1	5	1	14	1
Municipal (Peru)	1	6	–	–	6	3	12	–
Everest (Ecuador)	1	2	–	–	2	1	14	–

(Participants so far have come from Brazil 15, Bolivia 14, Argentina 12, Peru 12, Ecuador 12, Chile 11, Venezuela 10, Colombia 9, Paraguay 7 and Uruguay 6.)

ARGENTINA DOWN TO E

from ERIC WEIL

ARGENTINA, on their way home from Europe where they beat Switzerland, Belgium and West Germany, came down with a bump in Mexico where they gave another mediocre performance and were held to a 1-1 draw.

This prompted Argentina's national team coach, Carlos Bilardo, to say that Mexico could well be a power for once when the World Cup finals are held there in 1986.

Argentina were not at the end of a tiring tour as their leisurely jaunt of five matches in as many weeks could hardly be called that, but there was some excuse. Airline strikes had lengthened their journey to almost 48 hours, they arrived in Mexico a day later than anticipated and the Mexican authorities refused to postpone the match a day.

The goals came early after 13 and 15 minutes through Argentina's Burruchaga and Mexico's Negrete and early Argentine dominance gave way to Mexican control of the midfield, but neither side was impressive close to goal. Veteran midfielder Bochini, recalled for this tour and who had put some class back into Argentina's game, did his stuff in the first half and was instrumental in the goal scored by his Independiente teammate Burruchaga, but he did not come out for the second half — presumably so that Bilardo could try out other players — and Argentina seemed lost without him. Marcico, a leading first division player who replaced him, has so far not reproduced his club form in the national team.

Mexico, under Yugoslav coach Milutinovic, have an outstanding midfielder in their captain Boyand and never lost control of the game in the second half.

Argentina had started their tour at the end of August with a 1-0 defeat by Colombia in Bogotá, their first ever by that country in seven meetings. It was also their fifth international match on the run without scoring goals as they sank to new depths.

Four players were sent off in the rough match — with the rough stuff coming mostly from the Argentines — and the matter was even taken up by Argentina's Parliament as senators were worried about the country's image abroad. But as there were no further such incidents on the rest of the tour and results also improved — three wins in Europe and that draw in Mexico — the matter had been forgotten by the time the players returned home.

After an even first half at the El Campin stadium, the home side took advantage of weaknesses in the Argentian defence and defender Prince scored the only goal after 57 minutes. A minute later Argentine midfielder Giusti and Colombian defender Escobar were sent off for fighting and the weak Ecuadorian referee, Elías Jacome, let the match get out of hand.

As Argentina pressed for an equaliser, their players lost their heads as they missed chances and when the Colombians wasted time (for which they received no reprimand from the referee). In the last 10 minutes Argentina's defender Trossero and striker Gareca were also sent off for rough play — the former being hit by a stone as he was leaving the field while the latter incident almost produced a free-for-all between the players — and the Argentine players had to be shielded by police from stones thrown by angry fans as they went off after the match.

Coach Bilardo is not too popular in Colombia where he coached for many years, being one of those held responsible for introducing rough play at club level with his tactics while later, as national coach, he failed to get Colombia through the qualifying rounds for the 1982 World Cup after more intensive training than ever. And the Colombian press was quick to point out that his Argentine team would meet the same fate if they carried on in this way.

Colombia will be meeting Argentina in next year's qualifying group — together with Peru and Venezuela — for the 1986 World Cup finals.

Uruguay, the only team to beat England on their recent South American tour, continue to have the best record on the continent this year.

In September they beat Peru 2-0 in Montevideo in a poor match which was, however, played under heavy rain. Most of the play took place on a muddy midfield with neither side being able to overcome the conditions. Peru, whose natural style is short passing and ball play, were hampered more and also showed weaknesses in defence. The more direct Uruguayans managed to take two chances, with Aguilera and Salazar scoring after seven minutes and in the last minute respectively.

Uruguay, who have not reached the World Cup finals since 1974, failing to reach the last two, are intent on making it third time lucky. They are due to face Chile and Ecuador in qualifying matches next year, but their biggest enemy is the financial crisis in their own soccer which has speeded up the exodus of stars to foreign clubs.

They have this year been fortunate to be able to get some of the players playing in other South American countries for matches, but not those playing with European clubs and there is no knowing how many more may leave to play abroad before next year's qualifying matches.

Peru meanwhile intend spending up to $1.5 million to repatriate some 10 players presently playing in Italy, Spain and Colombia to strengthen their national team such as Barbadillo from Italy, Leguia, Velasquez and Caballero from Spain and Cueto, La Rosa, Olaechea, Navarro, Malasquez and Lobatón with Colombian clubs.

In **Bolivia**, where they are not used to lengthy preparations, Argentine national team coach, Carlos "Chimaco" Rodriguez, has called up 21 players for preparations eight months before their World Cup qualifying games against Brazil and Paraguay.

In **Chile** officials are denying emphatically that they will renounce the organisation of next year's World Youth Cup finals in Santiago because of financial problems. Ambrosio Rodriguez, chief of the organising committee, said however: "We are trying to negotiate a $5 million contract with Coca Cola to finance the organisation, because we will not be able to get a cent through the FA, which only recently stated that Chilean soccer has debts of around $26 million."

Mexico and Canada qualified for the Youth Cup finals from a 16-team North, Central American and Caribbean area tournament held in Trinidad-Tobago where not only the press had problems in doing their work (as mentioned in last month's *World Soccer*).

Numerous participating delegations protested strongly about the poor organisation, poor living quarters — with beetles, ants and even rats at the University of West Indies — lack of adequate training fields and poor refereeing and food and they blamed chiefly the CONCACAF officials and their president, Mexican Joaquin Soria Terrazas, for accepting these conditions in the first place.

Mexico and Canada deservedly took the qualifying places, both being unbeaten in seven qualifying matches, with 13-2 and 12-2 goal records respectively (see Classified Results for full results and standings).

HUGO Orlando Gatti, one of the few remaining idols of Argentine soccer, turned 40 in August, but is happily still going strong.

The Boca Juniors and one-time international goalkeeper has played 653 league matches plus many more in the Libertadores Cup and other tournaments as well as 19 matches in the national team from which he was never dropped but withdrew when he thought a nagging injury would end his career.

They call him "El Loco" (the madman) partly because of his kit — Bermuda shorts, multi-coloured shirt and sweatband — his many spectacular saves both under the crossbar and well out of his goal either dribbling the ball away from an opponent or grabbing it off his feet and his frequent habit of dribbling the ball upfield to try and score . . . which he has managed once.

His dream is still to play centre forward — which he has done in friendlies — and reporters love to interview him, because he always has something funny — and wise — to say. Once after a match I asked him for his signature on a photo of his (for which I had a request from England).

Boca had just lost and for once he wasn't in the mood and brushed me aside saying: "Next time, boy" (I am older than he). I insisted and said: "Look, it's for a British soldier who fought in the Falklands." He gave me a hard look, burst out laughing and signed.

Gatti is very outspoken and usually right, but it has often got him into trouble with soccer officials. He has been left out of the first team, but always come back. For some years now he has been saying that this was his last season. Actually next season would be his 23rd in the first division, equalling

the record of another great goalkeeper, River Plate's Amadeo Carrizo, and he is already the goalkeeper to have stopped most penalties — 23 — in the Argentine first division.

JORGE CARRASCOSA, Argentina's former national team captain and defender, was back in the news recently when he was wounded in a shoot-out while trying to stop thieves. Carrascosa was captain of the national team which was training under Cesar Menotti for the 1978 World Cup (which they won), but surprisingly withdrew shortly before for reasons which were never fully explained.

A year later he also retired from the game. While recovering in hospital, he hinted at why he withdrew. It appears he was concerned about how the then military government was using the national team for propaganda purposes.

FLUMINENSE, defending their Rio state title in Brazil. Left to right, back: Aldo, Paulo Vitor, Duilio, Ricardo, Jandir, Branco. Front: Romerito, Delei, Washington, Assis, Tato.

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In Uruguay: CLOSE TITLE FIGHT AND PENAROL'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES

THREE clubs — traditional title candidates Peñarol and Nacional and newly promoted Central Español — jointly top the Uruguayan first division with two games to go, while a fourth — little Danubio — also still has a chance as they are two points behind.

In the last round before press-time, Peñarol and Nacional drew 1-1 in the Uruguayan soccer classic to continue at the top while they were caught up by Central Español who beat lowly Sud America 5-4.

Both the country's big clubs played in the league with advertising on their shirts for the first time as even they must look for all ways and means to get money . . . and both have problems.

National's was not so much financial. For the final run-up to the title they will be without two of their leading players, Carrasco and Berueta, whom the club finally had to suspend for four and three months respectively in view of their repeated late arrivals for training and refusing to follow the trainer's instructions. The suspension will also put half Carrascosa out of the national team for some time.

Peñarol, said to be $2 million in debt, face the threat of their club installations being auctioned to settle a debt of $14,000 with the state airline dating back to 1982 when the team flew to Chile for the Libertadores Cup final.

In Peru: SPORT BOYS SURPRISE

SPORT BOYS, coached by former national team coach Marcos Calderón and without any top-line players, are the surprise in the Peruvian championship's final round, the de-centralised championship, as they lead by two points from Union Huaral, another small team, as the 14-team two-round tournament reaches the half-way stage.

Meanwhile the mighty, lining up most of the international players, have fallen. Champions Sporting Cristal are in a bunch four points from the top and Universitario are nearer the bottom.

In Brazil: BIG NAMES AT THE TOP

THE big names are at the top in Brazilian soccer again

Flamengo top the Rio state league two points ahead of eternal rivals Fluminense, but with two games more played, while the joint leading scorers in this championship are Romero, Fluminense's Paraguayan midfielder, and Flamengo's striker Nunes on six goals. In the Sao Paulo state league meanwhile, Santos still lead approaching the halfway stage — a point in front of Palmeiras — in spite of crashing to third-placed Sao Paulo FC 4-1 just before press-time.

Romualdo Arppi, the Brazilian referee due to control the Independiente v Liverpool World Club championship match in Tokyo later this year, was involved in a players brawl during the Sao Paulo state league match in which Palmeiras beat Sao Paulo 2-1 for which officials of the latter club have blamed him. Arppi, who is 45, has been rested for two weeks by the Sao Paulo federation until the controversy dies down.

In Chile: COLO COLO STILL UNBEATEN

CHAMPIONS Colo Colo are the only unbeaten team left in the Chilean first division after 10 games.

They top the north section of the championship with an 8-2-0 record and a four-point lead over Cobreloa and newcomers Cobresal and their veterans are still prominent — striker Caszely scoring the goals and Brazilian midfielder Vasconcellos making the play. Cobreloa, the team from Calama representing a big copper mining concern and one of the few not in financial difficulties, are still coached by Argentine Vicente Centatore, who has just been chosen as Chile's new national team coach.

But Naval, the navy club, is still the revelation of the tournament as they jointly lead the south section with Universidad de Chile. Universidad Catolica, in joint fourth place two points from the top, don't seem to be too concerned with the championship. While touring Europe recently, they fielded reserves in the league and lost 3-2 to lowly Rangers. Two points from that game would now see them at the top.

In Colombia: RECORD UNBEATEN STREAK

CHAMPIONS America, of Cali, recently set up a new unbeaten record when they went through 23 games unbeaten (as mentioned in last month's *World Soccer*) . . . or they thought they had.

Officials of Bogota's Millionarios found in their club records that their team had gone through 24 league games unbeaten 30 years ago. Millionarios, who have won most championships (11), established their record during 1953 and 1954 when Colombia was not affiliated to FIFA, their clubs poached star players all over the world and the team had stars such as Argentina's centre-half Rossi and strikers Pedernera and Di Stefano playing for them.

The fight over who holds the record also continues in the league. With six games to go in the second stage of Colombia's professional championship, America leads Millionarios by one point, but another outstanding feat is that of Argentine striker Hugo Gotardi who tops the goalscorers table with 20 of lowly Independiente Santa Fe's 23 goals.

In Mexico: UNAM push ahead

UNIVERSIDAD Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) had the best record in the 20-team Mexican first division (played in four groups), with eight points from five games, well led by their Brazilian striker, Ricardo Ferreti, who is also the championship's top scorer with five goals.

Cruz Azul has the same number of points, but an inferior goal average. Meanwhile, defending champions America have yet to win a game, but they have drawn four — hardly looking like title challengers however.

by PAUL PARISH

Fagan's verbal bashing

JOE Fagan, who became the oldest new boy in the curiously cut throat world of soccer management last season, is not prone to outbursts of fury and criticism.

So when Joe, who at the age of 62 piloted mighty Liverpool to League Championship, Milk Cup and European Cup at the first attempt, gives his much lauded squad a verbal lashing it is time to take notice.

Certainly Anfield has known happier days. The new season, still in its infancy, has had very little to offer from the side that have not only dominated the British stage but have strutted imperiously around the football theatres of Europe.

After just nine games — not even a quarter of the way through the season — Liverpool had accumulated a meagre 11 points. Even worse, they had won just twice and had dropped a calamitous nine points in five matches before their own adoring Anfield audience.

That was enough to tempt affable Joe into an angry outburst after another stagnant home performance against West Bromich Albion. Said candid Joe: "Sometimes we haven't played well in the past and won, but we have always had heart and guts.

Impressive squad

"In the second half against West Bromich Albion not everybody had that in mind. At the end of the day hearts didn't take over and that is foreign to Liverpool.

"We are playing Jekyll and Hyde. I have tried everybody — what do you do about it? A rollicking helps, but the players have had that."

Cautiously Fagan hinted that Liverpool may yet jump into the transfer market to bolster their already impressive squad. That in itself would be a surprise as the Liverpool method, in the last magnificent decade, has been to buy for tomorrow rather than today.

Yet Liverpool, with dreams of another European triumph, had launched their defence of the Champions Cup with an impressive two-leg 5-0 win over Poland's Lech Poznan. Nobody could have asked for more.

At least Liverpool could look at a league table still erratically sorting itself out by the middle of October. Nobody was really establishing themselves as true or likely champions. Perhaps the biggest threat looked like coming from rejuventated Arsenal and their North London rivals Tottenham who jockeyed for position at the top.

Less fancied

Manchester United, with Gordon Strachan and Jesper Olsen, were still to find their own consistency while the less fancied but always dangerous Nottingham Forest and newly promoted Sheffield Wednesday were making impressive inroads.

It has all the makings of a League Championship full of intrigue and interest but there are those who have been suggesting that this could be at the expense of truly good football.

Former England manager Ron Greenwood set the tongues wagging in his new book which suggests that the unrelenting pace of the modern game is stifling artistic talents. Where, he asks, in the modern game can the next Trevor Brooking learn his trade?

Gordon Strachan.

It has long been considered that the helter-skelter excitement of our domestic football doesn't always complement the requirements of the international game. Though Liverpool, and others, have proved that at club level they can play the game as effectively in international competition as they can in the First Division.

Even little Wrexham, from the Fourth Division, have made their point with that superb victory over Porto in the Cup Winners Cup. Now they meet Roma, conquered by Liverpool in the final of last year's Champions Cup, which will be a different experience from playing the likes of Rochdale, Halifax or Darlington.

Wrexham showed the sort of effort at club level that Mike England, Wales understandly critical manager, was calling for before, during and after his national side's flop in Iceland. Football, as always, often defies logic.

Scottish Champions Aberdeen could subscribe to that viewpoint after outplaying Dinamo Berlin in the Champions Cup and then crashing out on penalties. The former Cup Winners Cup winners might have been considered as prospective challengers for Liverpool's European crown and their early demise is a disappointment.

Unbeaten record

In the wake of that defeat they also lost their unbeaten record in Scotland, falling to Celtic who clambered to within one point of the East coast giants. With Rangers also warming to the task under Jock Wallace perhaps Scotland, too, can face a winter of league interest.

And on both sides of the border such interest may just stoke up enough enthusiasm to arrest the continuing slump in attendances. It is causing increasing anxiety that the trend is still downwards as more people seem happy to seek their entertainment elsewhere.

Bowing to the needs of a contract with television companies, football is now readily available, "live", at the turn of a knob. The comfort of a living room where hooligans do not tread in is inviting for many.

Mind you, that's something that may have to be followed by those of us who follow this game from the press boxes of the land if other clubs follow the lead of Chelsea and their chairman Ken Bates. He banned reporters from the *News of the World*, *Daily Express* and Press Association for producing stories which met with no approval or agreement at Stamford Bridge.

Having watched a number of exceptionally attractive matches this season I hope that Mr Bates' example is not taken up in too many places. I, for one, would miss football, truly live, on a Saturday afternoon.

Book reviews

BOOK reviewing — normally a most pleasant process — becomes a little confusing when the volumes appearing on the nation's book shelves includes the work of colleagues.

Should one tuck a modest mention away at the end of a column or try to effect a dispassionate judgment which might go too far in the opposite direction?

But the gamble we'll take in bringing to the immediate attention of *World Soccer* readers a book which breaks new ground in international football publishing: the **World Club Football Directory 1984-85**, edited by Keir Radnedge and published by Queen Anne Press (Maxwell House, 74 Worship Street, London EC2A 3EN) at £10.95 hardback and £6.95 paperback.

The book answers many of the queries which perpetually flood into *World Soccer* from fans from all parts of the world requesting club addresses and club colours.

But this book is more than a mere list. It is no great literary work but it does succeed in its main intention of recording statistical data and historical background on all the world's leading clubs — Europe, Africa, South America and even a select few from Asia.

Where the first edition, which suggests Queen Anne Press may well consider updating and improving if initial sales go well, falls down is in the competitions list. This is squashed in at the back of the book — almost as an afterthought on the end of Yugoslavia.

All the major club competition finals and winners are recorded. But considering the scope of the rest of the book, further details (teams, scorers, referees, etc) would provide very useful back-up.

If the book might be considered a little late in appearance considering that the second rounds of European competition are now upon us, at least that provided the merit that the publishers had time to catch up with the disciplinary amendments which altered the end of season league tables in Bulgaria, Hungary and Malta.

From one *World Soccer* man to a former editor, Jack Rollin. He has come up with the Guinness **Who's Who in Soccer** (Guinness Superlatives, 2 Cecil Court, London Road, Enfield EN2 6DJ; price £3.95). This more than fills the gap left by the new Rothmans, on which we commented here last month.

Rollins lists all the players of the Football League with their birthplace, height, weight and then their season-by-season League records and clubs. But, above all, he lists their dates of birth. Why birthdays should have become such a coy subject among English professionals remains a mystery. Certainly any remaining secrets are now unfolded in an excellent pocket book.

A huge multiplication of that book appears in the **Canon League Football Players' Records 1946-1984**, compiled by Barry Hugman (Newnes Books, 84 The Centre, Feltham, Middlesex; price £10.95). This is an updated and consolidated version of the encyclopaedic volume which Hugman produced a couple of years back under the Rothmans sponsorship banner.

Here you have every Football League player since the war. His birthplace, date of birth, and full club record in terms of total games and goals in the league. It was a mammoth task in the first place and the author is much to be admired for maintaining the drive and attention to detail which has seen the book brought up to date so well.

Considering the price this really is a bargain compared with the prices of so many other football books around.

Newnes, the publishers, are in fact a division of Hamlyn. And it is under the more familiar parent mark that we find the second edition of the **Hamlyn A-Z of British Football Records**, edited by Phil Soar (Hamlyn, Astronaut House, Feltham, Middlesex; price £8.95). This is the standby source to answer so many questions — and to present answers to those questions you hadn't even thought of.

The book includes all-time English league tables among its many features and claims to have added 1,000 new additional or updated references compared with the first edition.

Not all the books around are statistical. For the younger fans there is plenty of entertainment and imagination in the very underrated **Sun Soccer Annual 1985** (Invincible Press, 16 Golden Square, London W1; price £2.50).

Then the **Scottish Football Annual No 1**, edited by Ian Archer (Stanley Paul, 17-21 Conway Street, London W1P 6JD; price £4.95) contains more than just a narrow appeal to Scottish fans. Of particular fascination was a chapter describing Dundee United's Champion's Cup defeat against Roma last season. Albeit the subject is treated with just a scrap of Scottish bias!

While on the subject of Scottish football, who can forget Jim Baxter. Now a forgotten name, he was, in the early 1960s one of the most skilled players in Europe — a left half whose style and class marked him down for a great career.

Unfortunately Baxter possessed, besides all this talent, a self-destruct button. His book reflects that. The stories he tells have already made a few headlines. But at the end of the book the overwhelming feeling was one of regret that a player of such ability finished in one of the game's dead-ends.

To return to England and that most English of clubs, West Ham. John Moynihan has put aside his love of Chelsea for long enough to pull together **The West Ham Story** (Arthur Barker, 91 Clapham High Street, London SW4 7AT; price £6.95).

Again, plenty of reading for a variety of enthusiasts. First for those fascinated by the game's early years, then by those more interested in West Ham's 1960s' successes in Europe and the enormous contribution made to England's 1966 World Cup victory.

Complementing that book is **Your Sincerely**, the autobiography of former West Ham and England boss Ron Greenwood, written with Bryon Butler (Collins Willow, 8 Grafton Street, London W1X 3LA; price £8.95).

The book is well worth reading by all involved in the game, taking in life at the top at club and international level. Mixed in are many of the typical Greenwood asides which reveal so much of his understanding of football.

One example concerns England's defeat in Norway in the last World Cup qualifiers. As Greenwood says: "Upsets like this will always happen in football, as in other sport. Bournemouth will beat Manchester United, Walsall are going to beat Arsenal, Algeria will better West Germany and the likes of the United States and Norway will up-end England. Nobody has a right to win and any side can win on its day."

Words which bobby Robson may no doubt have cause to recall some day!

IN REPLY TO . . .

All those readers who want to find out about World Cup tickets sales: Contact your own domestic federation or association.

Robin Kettle, Edgbaston, Birmingham: Many tournaments have been suggested to commemorate the name of the late Artemio Franchi. So far none of the proposals has been accepted by the game's authorities.

P. P. Corr, Coundon, Coventry: Valladolid entered the UEFA Cup by virtue of having won the Spanish league cup. They beat Atletico Madrid 0-0, 3-0 in the two-leg final.

A. Place, Northampton: The top Italian clubs have supporters' clubs flung far and wide throughout Europe. The best way to make contact is via the club. In Juventus' case the club address is: Juventus FC, Galleria San Federico 54, 10121 Turin.

Adrian Vassallo, Floriana, Malta: France Football's address is 10 rue du Faubourg-Montmartre, 75438 Paris cedex 09.

Tomislav Zic, Astoria, New York: Regards Yugoslav national ream kit you must contact the Yugoslav federation, BP 263, Terazje 35, 11000 Belgrade.

S. Tarranto, Openshaw, Manchester: regarding coaching courses, write in the first instance to the Football Association, 16 Lancaster Gate, London W2.

Vincent Alu, Lafayette, Los Angeles: English language publications about football are regularly reviewed in our books column. Many European countries publish yearbooks or statistical handbooks of one sort or another and whatever the language the statistical content is usually obvious enough. Write in the first instance to the various federations (addresses in our September issue).

B. Maitland, Burnaby, Canada: Requested addresses are as follows — Sporting Cristal, Puerta 4, Estadio Alianza, Alejandro Villanueva, Lima, Peru; Nacional Club de Futbol, Avenida 8 de Octobre 2487, Montevideo; Club Atletico Penarol, Magallanes esq. de Galicia, Montevideo.

John Nunn, Sea Mills, Bristol: Awaiting FIFA membership approval are: Cape Verde Islands, Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, St. Thomas and Principe, Seychelles, SW Africa (Namibia), Belize, St. Lucia, St. Vincent/Grenadines, Maldives, Solomon Islands, W. Samoa, Vanuatu, Faroe Islands.

World Soccer Diary

COLD FEET IN MONTE CARLO

ON, then off, now on again . . . that's the mixed-up story of the European SuperCup. Hardly a situation to endear this hybrid event to the powers-that-be.

UEFA have long been unhappy with the format for the SuperCup. The two-leg ties which have been staged on and off over the past decade have lacked the big-match formality which they deserve.

So last spring it was decided to find a major sponsor and set up a prestige single-match decider in Monte Carlo — where the municipal authorities, with the enthusiastic support of the football-loving Prince Rainier, saw the match as an ideal opening for the new Louis II stadium.

A sponsor was duly found but just when all seemed on the point of agreement, the Monte Carlo officials got cold feet.

One factor was that local club Monaco were upset because they had hoped to face Cup-winners' Cup holders Juventus themselves in a prestige club friendly to open the stadium.

But, more significant, municipal leaders began to worry that if they contracted to stage the match for three or four years, they might be letting themselves in for a lot of hooligan problems — given English clubs' successes in European competition.

Not, they have hastened to assure UEFA's agents, that they were worried about the Red Army from Anfield. But reports from Paris and Luxembourg on the behaviour of the lunatic fringe who follow England on short-haul trips abroad suggested that Monte Carlo's new stadium might be in need of extensive renovation rather earlier than they would have expected.

Since December 19 had been the only suitable date for the match, any other venue would have to be on the southern European coast to guarantee weather and reasonable playing conditions. With Italy ruled out by Juve's participation that left only Spain. Malaga was a possibility, but the sponsors weren't keen.

The idea of a one-off game had never filled Juventus with particular enthusiasm anyway, and at this point a dead-end appeared to have been reached. Hans Bangerter wrote as much in a UEFA bulletin.

At the draw for the second round of the European club tournaments, however, officials of both clubs put their heads together once more. Now it seems they have been able to conjure up dates for home and away matches in Liverpool and Turin in January and February where dates; apparently, didn't exist before for just one game!

We'll believe it when we see it.

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BULGARIA will have only themselves to blame if they are eventually beaten to the World Cup qualifying post by Yugoslavia.

They had intended to send a delegation of coaches to Hampden recently to watch the Slavs, in action against Scotland. There was no problem with tickets — after all, only 18,000 domestic fans were curious enough to turn up.

The hitch in this spying campaign was provided in Sofia, where Bulgarian bureaucracy failed to process the coaches' exit visas in time to make the trip.

Undaunted, the Bulgarians sent an urgent request to the SFA to make arrangements for the television authorities to send a videotape of the game. However a TV dispute restricted coverage to a few brief shots from a hand-held camera and thus the Bulgarians had to remain in ignorance about how the Scots managed to breach the Slav defence six times.

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STILL with Scotland, old rivals Rangers and Celtic have managed to find agreement — after some no doubt typically Scottish negotiations — over a lucrative shirt-advert deal.

Both clubs are now being sponsored by, and wearing the name of, C. R. Smith, double-glazing specialists.

As impressed as anyone was the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Robert Gray. He said: "At a time when we are doing all in our power to prove to the world that Glasgow's "Miles Better" to live and work in, the fact that two of the city's most notable business rivals have come together in this way can only be a good thing for the city."

No doubt the clubs, too, are more than happy with the terms of a £500,000 three-year joint agreement!

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ROMUALDO ARPPI FILHO of Brazil is the referee set to control the World Club Cup final between Independiente and Liverpool in Tokyo on December 9.

Lately he has been granted an enforced two-week break to prepare for the match. That was the suspension imposed by the Brazilian authorities after events in the 2-1 defeat of Sao Paulo by Palmeiras in the Paulista league.

Arppi Filho is 45, has been a referee for 27 years. 21 of those on the FIFA list and relaxes before a match doing crosswords. Cross words there were aplenty in this game at the top of the table.

Arppi, according to all reports, was too lenient with the rough play of visitors Palmeiras, and turned a blind eye to the retaliatory behaviour of Sao Paulo. When he refused a penalty for hands against Palmeiras he was pushed and pulled all over the place by Sao Paulo players.

The outcome was a threat to send off Sao Paulo striker Casagrande and the game ended with Sao Paulo 2-1 down in front of their own fans and in total confusion. Sao Paulo coach Cilinho tried to get at Arppi and Casagrande had to be physically restrained from attacking him by reserve goalkeeper Abelha.

Arppi Filho had to be smuggled out of the stadium.

"No comment," he told reporters. "It's not the first time I've had to slip away like this . . ."

Palmeiras centre-forward Reinaldo had the last word, saying: "I've never seen a referee so totally at sea. He couldn't put a foot right."

Zbigniew Boniek

WHILE considering the Japanese connection, that country's most famous footballer has retired. Ishuri Kamamoto had decided that at 40 it was time to call it a day. But he went out in glory — scoring the 548th goal of his career in his farewell match in Tokyo.

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LEV YASHIN is making a slow but steady progress back to health after having a leg amputated. This follows complications after the great Soviet goalkeeper — perhaps the greatest of all time — suffered a stroke two years ago.

Yashin couldn't decide as a young man whether to concentrate on football or ice hockey. He thought he might be always stuck in the Dynamo Moscow reserves because of the dominance of Tiger Khomich. But then Khomich was injured and Yashin took his chance with both those huge safe hands.

He played 78 times for the Soviet Union, was awarded the Order of Lenin and didn't retire until 1971, when he was 42.

OBITUARY

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ing career at the 1928 Olympics. In the days before television, when the sports writer was king, Becker travelled throughout Europe reporting the game and mixing with the great pre-war personalities such as Hugo Meisl, Vittorio Pozzo and Co. In the 1930s Becker worked for a small sports magazine called Kicker and then set up his own operation in Nürnberg in 1946. Becker wanted to call the new publication Kicker, but old titles were forbidden. He settled for the more general Sportmagazin but eventually took the Kicker label when restrictions were lifted in 1951. Thus the magazine which is now such a solid part of the West German — and European — sporting scene carried the front-page streamer "Kicker Sportmagazin."

Evzen Hadamcik . . . died in Ostrava aged 45. Hadamcik had been coach of Banik since 1977, guiding the club to success in the cup in 1978 and the league in 1980 and 1981. Hadamcik should have been manager of the Czechoslovak team due to defend their Olympic title in Los Angeles this past summer but the Eastern Bloc boycott put an end to those plans.

Michel N'Gom . . . died near Perrigny, France, when his car struck a tractor and crashed off the road into an electricity pylon. N'Gom had only just been transferred from Paris Saint-Germain to Auxerre. A skilful and quick-witted forward he was born on June 25, 1959, at Dakar, Senegal and first made an impression on French football while with Marseille. He was a French under-21 international.

Blagoje Marjanovic . . . died in Belgrade aged 77. Beginning his career in the early 1920s with BSK Belgrade, he scored what remains a Slav record of 612 goals in 600 first-class matches. Marjanovic, an inside-right, played in the first World Cup finals in Uruguay and between 1926 and 1938 won 57 caps. Later he coached OFK Belgrade and had a spell in Italy with Torino in the late 1950s. He retired because of illness in 1962.

Eulogio Martinez . . . died in Barcelona aged 49. Martinez was born in Asuncion, Paraguay, on March 11, 1935 and at 18 was champion of the league and its top scorer with the Libertad club. That same year, 1953, he also led Pagaguay to victory over Brazil in the South American championship. Two years later he was spotted by Barcelona general manager Jose Samitier, who signed both Martinez and team-mate Melanio Olmedo in the middle of the 1955-56 season. Martinez could not be registered until the summer of 1956 but when he did start as Barcelona centre-forward — in rivalry with the Brazilian, Evaristo De Macedo — he made an immediate impact. Barcelona won the cup in 1957 and along the way Martinez scored seven goals in a qualifying match against Atletico Madrid. It also fell to Martinez, on September 24, 1957, to score the first goal in Barcelona's new Nou Camp stadium, in a match against a Warsaw Select. Martinez was one of the all-star squad under Helenio Herrera at Barcelona in the late 1950s but he fought a continual battle against weight problems and, after leaving Barsa in 1962, quickly slipped out of the limelight through Elche, Atletico Madrid and CD Europa in the second division. His business investments weren't successful and in recent years he had been running a bar in Calella, 40 miles north of Barcelona. On September 8 the car Martinez was driving had a puncture on the Lerida-Barcelona motorway. Martinez, and his wife and a friend who was with them all got out to change the wheels only to be struck by another car. Martinez's friend died at once, Martinez's wife was seriously injured . . . and Martinez died three weeks later in hospital from his injuries.

The month ahead

THE MONTH AHEAD

NOVEMBER 2

WC: Niger-Libya (2nd).

NOVEMBER 3

WC: Liberia-Nigeria (2nd), Australia-New Zealand . . . Intl: Switzerland-Italy (Lausanne).

NOVEMBER 4

WC: Gambia-Ivory Coast (2nd) . . . Club intl: Leicester-New Zealand.

NOVEMBER 7

European club second round, second leg matches.

NOVEMBER 10

WC: Israel-New Zealand.

NOVEMBER 11

WC: Tunisia-Benin (2nd) . . . Club intl: Portsmouth-New Zealand.

NOVEMBER 13

E21: Portugal-Sweden, Turkey-England, Austria-Holland, Scotland-Spain . . . Other: England B-New Zealand (Nottingham).

NOVEMBER 14

WC: Portugal-Sweden, N. Ireland-Finland, Turkey-England, Austria-Holland, Denmark-Rep Ireland, Scotland-Spain, Wales-Iceland.

NOVEMBER 17

WC: Luxembourg-East Germany, Cyprus-Hungary . . . E21: Cyprus-Hungary.

NOVEMBER 20

E21: France-Bulgaria.

NOVEMBER 21

WC: France-Bulgaria.

NOVEMBER 28

UEFA Cup third round, first leg matches.

Beckenbauer's hopes hit by Argentina!

FRANZ BECKENBAUER began his reign as national team chief disappointingly — the West Germans lost 3-1 to Argentina — but he is not discouraged.

With support from the clubs' team bosses and the DFB he has ambitious plans aimed at improving the quality of the national side.

Beckenbauer has persuaded the authorities to allow a three day get-together of his candidates from Sunday till Tuesday (September 23-25) as part of preparations for the World Cup qualifying tie versus Sweden in Cologne on October 17.

For this training stint, the so-called "Lehrgang" in the sports centre at Hennef, the team chief recalled the Cologne striker Klaus Allofs and 'libero' Matthias Herget from Bayer Uerdingen. The foreign 'legionnaires' Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Uli Stielike and Hans-Peter Breigel were not available.

Contrary to earlier reports Briegel still figures very much in Beckenbauer's plans, who phoned him in Italy and assured him that he will be in the squad for the vital game versus Sweden.

Briegel was left out of the match against Argentina because the new boss wanted to try out some new faces, but he has been outstanding in Italian football and Beckenbauer made a special journey to see him in direct opposition to Rummenigge when Verona met Inter-Milan in a league match.

Hans-Peter Briegel (left) keeps a close watch on Diego Maradona in Verona's Italian league win over Napoli.

The only surprise is that Beckenbauer still ignores the Bremen midfielder Norbert Meier who has been in fine form lately. During the training spell the A-team played a test match against the 'Under-21' selection. Hamburg's goalkeeper Uli Stein has been promoted to No. 2 behind Schumacher the newly crowned 'Footballer of the Year'.

Beckenbauer came out strongly in favour of reducing the Bundesliga from 18 to 14 clubs. He claims that through the shortened programme the players would recover from injuries quicker and of course become more readily available for national team duty. Because of financial considerations the clubs are most unlikely to agree to such a drastic reduction in numbers.

The defeat against Argentina was a painful lesson. The visitors shorn of several World Cup stars now active in Italy, not least Maradona, are certainly not world class, but they were too good for the reticent Germans. They replaced the injured Rummenigge and their best defender Karl-Heinz Förster with Bruns and Mill (both Borussia Mönchengladbach).

The two new caps were defender Michael Frontzeck (20) also from Mönchengladbach

Wolfisberg

SWITZERLAND nearly lost their national team manager Paul Wolfisberg, ironically enough in the hour of triumph.

After eight matches without a win the Swiss beat Norway in Oslo to open their World Cup qualifying campaign in promising fashion.

But after the match Wolfisberg read out a prepared statement in which he thanked the players and those who supported him and announced his resignation.

Several days later following a three-hour discussion with the president of the so-called National Team Commission, Freddy Rumo, Wolfisberg who has not been well and still needs medical treatment, declared that he was ready to continue at least till the next World

REPORTS FRO

AUSTRIA H

AUSTRIAN league clubs have not kept their promise to give a chance to home grown youngsters, rather than using foreign "pensioners".

In the current championship campaign they present a total of 41 imported players.

Of those 19 are Yugoslavs, including the 37-year-old Branko Oblak who was among others formerly with Bayern Munich and Schalke in West Germany.

He is now enjoying another spell in top class football with the newly promoted Spittal/Drau. Four players each come from Hungary (Nyilasi, Szokolai, Kereki and Fekete) and from Czechoslovakia, among them Panenka (Rapid), Bicovski (Eisenstadt) and Radimex (with promoted Vienna).

Two mercenaries are from Poland, goal-

berg resigns then returns

Cup tie v Denmark.

The events of the past few months when he was bitterly attacked by several sections of the Press had proved too much for Wolfisberg. But in a way he brought a lot of the trouble upon himself.

He has an exclusive contract with a paper notorious for its sensationalism and it was through that mouthpiece that he would announce various decisions, some even before his superiors at the SFV knew about it.

He had also angered the media by his stubbornness and lack of co-operation and often refused to explain his policy.

But it is no secret that he had had enough of the curious and most complicated system in Europe by which the Swiss choose and supervise their national team manager.

Unlike the other countries where the national team and its manager are controlled by the Football Association, in Switzerland last year the National League, a section of the governing body independent, though not as powerful as for example the 'Football League' in England, has taken over responsibility for picking the national team boss.

Their suggested appointment is merely ratified by the SFV (FA).

Now, too many people have a say in matters that should not really concern them.

The result is a complicated procedure which apparently only works when the national team is successful. Wolfisberg was certainly the most successful Swiss team chief since Karl Rappan.

Under him the national side produced the best series of results in 40 years. They beat among others world champions Italy and Czechoslovakia, both for the first time away, as well as England after a long wait and Scotland.

The players were and still are all for him. In fact they issued a communique demanding his reinstatement and a meeting with officials of the SFV to press their case.

In the match versus Norway defender Andy Egli (now with Borussia Dortmund) established a new record by playing 40 consecutive internationals. He celebrated by scoring the winner from a penalty.

RTS FROM ARTHUR ROTMIL

and Ralf Falkenmayer from Eintracht Frankfurt, but the side lacked cohesion, whilst the reinstatement of the ageing Hamburg stars Magath in midfield and Jakobs in defence, who are both 31, was not a success.

Beckenbauer said that the Argentinians played some "fantastic soccer" while his team was too conservative — but he probably meant that the Germans were stereotyped and old fashioned in their approach without much finesse and imagination. It became clear that changes will have to be made if the team is to qualify for the World Cup finals, something which the Germans have never failed to do.

Bayern Munich have established a new Bundesliga record by the end of September having won the opening six league games and led the table with maximum points. A crowd of 56,000 swelled by visitors to the "Oktoberfest" the world's largest beer festival, saw the historic sweep in the 2-0 win over Cologne.

Their performances have been all the more remarkable since the club's doctor had been working overtime trying to patch up the sick and wounded. The Belgian international goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff was recovering slowly from his operation on a hernia. To add insult to injury he was involved in a car smash in which a nun had been killed and others injured. Pfaff who was the innocent party escaped with mild shock. He wasn't fit to return till the beginning of October. Defenders Holger Willmer and Wolfgang Dremmler were out of action for ten days because of hamstring trouble. The Danish international Sören Lerby broke down in training and had to extend his inactivity. Centre-forward Dieter Hoeness suffering from an ankle injury was also making only slow progress. His normal deputy Reinhold Mathy was out for weeks having had his leg put in plaster.

Adding to their problems Bayern also lost their latest acquisition the international midfielder Lothar Matthäus who was sent off in their Cup-winners Cup tie against the Norwegians Moss FK for hitting Bayern's former player Einar Aas in the face. He was likely to be suspended for three European games and also risked a ban from his own DFB.

Bayern it appears are also tops in the sponsorship stakes. According to a statistical table the Munich giants receive from a computer company £250,000 a year for advertising on their shirts, inside the ground and in the media. Next come Hamburger SV who are paid £162,000 by a brewery. Every club from the First Bundesliga has outside sponsors except Bayer Leverkusen and Bayer Uerdingen who are the "works" teams of the world famous pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Champions VFB Stuttgart had even greater problems with injuries than Bayern, as well as suspensions. Just before the European Cup first leg versus Levski Spartak in Bulgaria they had seven players unavailable. Key men like international stopper Karl-Heinz Förster and their midfield 'general' the Icelander Asgeir Sigurvinsson were both suspended; Buchwald, Niedermayer, Zietsch and Ohlicher were injured. The depleted squad travelled to Sofia with four amateurs, of whom two had to take the field: Stopper Achim Feyl (24) a turner by profession who normally works a 40-hour week and midfielder Herbert Briem (27) who owns a jeans store.

Neither of them had played even one minute of Bundesliga football. Asked by journalists before the game what they thought of their nomination, Feyl said: "I'm not nervous. I am not a man who worries too much. This is a chance in a lifetime."

A HOME FOR PENSIONERS

keeper Jarecki (Wiener SK) and Malnowicz (Linzer ASK).

Two legionnaires hail from West Germany, Bruckhoff and Toppel, while others are from Holland, Denmark, Greece, Uruguay, South Africa and even Iran.

There were no spectacular transfers recently except for the international Peter Pacult who moved from Wiener Sportklub to Rapid in exchange for Christian Keglevits. Champions FK Austria enaged the midfield schemer Türner from Klagenfurt called "the man with a future", as well as the internationals Dihanich (ex Innsbruck) and Steinkogler (Grazer AK).

Among the team managers only four are foreigners: The Yugoslavs Baric (Rapid) and Miklavic (Voest Linz), the Dutchman Brom (Innsbruck) and the Czechslovak Hlozek (Vienna) where he was already in charge some years ago.

Former Austrian internationals who are now managers: Parits (FK Austria), Ludescher (Austria Klagenfurt), Flögel (Wiener Sportklub), Winklbauer (Austria Salzburg) and Senekowitsch who took over from Starek at Grazer AK.

Rapid have announced strict disciplinary measures worked out by two lawyers. The management advised the playing staff they could be fined anything from £17 to £700. The maximum penalty will be imposed when a player is sent off for the second time, if he retaliated against an opponent, or insulted the referee.

Rapid suffered a blow when their talented striker Gerry Willfurth who scored ten goals in three games broke a toe and was put out of the two European Cup ties and also missed the internationals versus Denmark and Hungary.

And their Czech veteran Panenka was sent off for the first time in his career against Eisenstadt — and he is 36 years old!

FK Austria's centre-back Erich Obermayer (31) who played 49 times for his country, has voluntarily quit the national side, he has not fully recovered from a knee operation, but intends to continue playing for his club.

The Austrians certainly missed his class and experience in the defeats against Denmark and Hungary both by 3-1. The latter was particularly painful as it counts in the World Cup qualifying group.

LAZIO CR LORENZO

by Keir Radnedge

IT was supposed to be the season when the players took the game back from the coach; when the talk would be all about Maradona and Zico and Platini rather than Eriksson, Liedholm and Trapattoni.

But then, with the new Italian season just ten days old, Lazio sacked Paolo Carosi and we suddenly found Juan Carlos Lorenzo hogging the headlines.

Lazio had lost their first game 1-0 at home to Fiorentina who, although still without the injured Giancarlo Antognoni, have a more than adequate deputy in Eraldo Pecci. He scored the only goal while that fearsome partnership of Daniel Passarella and Claudio Gentile put up a rock face to prevent Lazip getting a sniff at goal.

The next week Lazio lost again, 5-0 away to Udinese, for whom Zico was both inspiration and among the goalscorers. They were bottom of the table, no points or goals and president Giorgio Chinaglia could stand it no longer.

One transatlantic phone call was all it took to bring one of the most controversial coaches in the world back into the mainstream of the European game.

Lorenzo was on holiday in Miami with his wife when Chinaglia's phone call caught up with him. He hadn't worked in Europe since leaving Atletico Madrid almost a decade ago but he had no hesitation about accepting.

"It's a wonderful surprise," says Lorenzo. "I will soon be 62 but I don't think I'm too old to get back into Italian football. Just being offered the job has taken 20 years off me."

Lorenzo's achievements over the years have tended to be overshadowed by his controversies. But his ability is clear from his record. With Argentina's Boca Juniors he won the World Club Cup and the South American club cup. He has won all the Argentine domestic titles with both Boca and San Lorenzo de Almagro and in Italy he won the cup with Roma and twice brought Lazio up out of the second division. In Spain Lorenzo began his coaching career by bringing Mallorca from the third division to the first in successive seasons and later he guided Atletico Madrid to the final of the 1974 European Champions' Cup — where they lost only after a replay to Bayern Munich.

In his day Lorenzo played mainly centre forward at home in Argentina. He was such a dangerous player while with Boca Juniors that he was recommended to the Italian club Sampdoria by the president of Boca's greatest rivals, River Plate. That was the only way they could defend themselves against him!

Lorenzo played three seasons with Sampdoria, then moved to France with Nancy and ended up in Spain playing for Atletico Madrid and then a minor Madrid club, Rayo Vallecano.

Many players in Spain, when they retire, return to their original towns and villages, family businesses or farms. But Lorenzo had no home to go to. He was a long way from Buenos Aires and all he knew was football. Mallorca, in the Spanish third division, offered him a chance as player-manager and he had no choice but to accept.

Immediately he was a success. Lorenzo worked hard to learn his new trade. He even travelled to England to take the FA coaching badge late on and remains, despite all the storms about Ramsey's famous "animals" comment at the 1966 World Cup, a great admirer of Sir Alf's tactical ability.

That 1966 World Cup was Lorenzo's second as a manager. He was boss of Argentina in Chile in 1962 — when they lost 3-1 to England — and then he was recalled at short notice by the federation in the spring of 1966.

Lorenzo knew all about defensive strategy now thanks to spells in Italy with Lazio and Roma. He didn't have time to prepare his team as he would have wished so he concentrated on creating a tight defence and stirring up his men's patriotic fervour before they went out on to the pitch.

What happened is history. Argentina's captain Antonio Rattin was sent off at Wembley against England in the quarter final and the team's reaction later provoked Ramsey to describe them as "having behaved like animals."

Those words gave football fans a new insult to hurl across the terraces. But in South America they turned Lorenzo into an instant hero. He was inundated with offers from all the best clubs. And took them. First San Lorenzo. Then River Plate. And San Lorenzo again where he was so successful that both he and his two star players, defender Ramon Heredia and winger Ruben Ayala, were swept off to Spain by Atletico Madrid.

String of clubs

And it was during Lorenzo's reign that, in the Champions' Cup semi-final against Celtic, Atletico collected nine bookings and had three players sent off by Turkish referee Dogan Babacan. *World Soccer* later described the match as "by far the worst holocaust European competition has brought to Britain."

Atletico won the second leg and went on to the final and defeat by Bayern in the replay in Brussels. A few months later Lorenzo was dismissed and returned to Argentina.

Yet for all his notoriety there was a string of clubs ready to offer him a job. Boca Juniors were successful bidders and Lorenzo took the Buenos Aires giants to the Argentine first division crown and on to South American and World Club titles.

Lorenzo's philosophy was ruthless. He had recognised from England under Ramsey in 1966 that football was moving away from

Black Wednesday in Spain

BLACK Wednesday the Spanish press called it after the disastrous night when champions Bilbao, Barcelona, Betis Seville, Atletico Madrid and Valladolid all crashed out of Europe in the first round.

Bilbao had two goals disallowed as they tried in vain to turn the tables on Bordeaux after losing 3-2 in France.

But coach Javier Clemente laid the real blame for defeat not at the door of referee Alex Ponnet but at that of the Spanish players' union.

"The players' strike deprived clubs of two hard games in the league. You cannot do that so early in the season and expect to be fully match-fit for European competition," he said. "These results prove the point."

Bilbao fans continue to believe they were robbed by refereeing error. Ponnet needed a police guard to leave the pitch as fans showered him with missiles. It wasn't just the disallowed "goals." Bilbao's players and fans were furious that the Belgian official apparently refused to add on any time at the end of the match for some blatant time-wasting by the French.

Bordeaux's veteran international goalkeeper Dominique Dropsy said he was surprised at having comparatively little work to do. But he may have been a little modest for during the course of the match he pulled off three fine saves when his defence were all at sea.

The most staggering result was Barcelona's 4-1 home defeat by Metz. Having won 4-2 away the players believed it would be easy at home. Terry Venables's warnings were ignored — as the players admitted later in a generous public apology for not playing to instructions.

What made the result even more surprising is that in such circumstances in the past Barsa have often put out a side packed with reserves for a "dead" match. This time the only reserve on the pitch was goalkeeper Amador, because first choice Urruti's father was seriously ill.

Barcelona do have their continuing league leadership to keep them occupied and keep the fans flowing in. Atletico Madrid, also beaten at home in their case by Swiss club Sion, have no such cushion on which to fall back. President Vicente Calderon reckons that the Colchoneros, whose finances are rocky enough already, could lose £700,000 through their European failure.

Ironically Real Madrid, who have been having such an awful time in the league, got through to the second round of the UEFA Cup. But even then they lost 2-0 in Austria against Innsbruck and were thankful for the five goals they had run up in the first match in the Estadio Bernabeu.

Once the strike had been called off Madrid began again with a 1-0 defeat by Sevilla — one point behind Barcelona at the time of writing — and then even though they beat Santander 3-0 next time out, they lost centre back Francisco Bonet with a broken leg.

No wonder national manager Miguel Munoz openly admitted he was fearing the worst when it came to taking on Wales in Spain's opening World Cup qualifier.

CRISIS— ZO BACK

Daniel Bertoni . . . Napoli's "other" Argentine star.

the artist towards the athlete. As Lorenzo says in his autobiography, Football in a Changing World: "Football used to be run for the players. Now it's played by the runners."

At Boca he built an organised, highly efficient team unit. It wasn't pretty. But they won everything in sight. Yet not one Boca player was included in the squad of 22 players on which Cesar Menotti drew to win the 1978 World Cup in Argentina.

As Menotti's star rose, so Lorenzo's faded. After Boca fell apart he stayed in Argentina and lately he moved to pastures new, with Independiente of Santa Fe. Not that this stay lasted long. In August the directors gave Lorenzo the sack, but without a peso in compensation. Furious, Lorenzo then insisted on turning up every day to run training until the club paid up just to get him out of the way.

Abrupt dismissal

That was why he was enjoying the rare luxury of a holiday when Chinaglia phoned. Lorenzo flew to Rome and, the following Sunday, had the satisfaction of seeing his team — including striker Bruno Giordano, despite the player's anger at Carosi's abrupt dismissal — gather their first point in a 1-1 draw with Internazionale.

Inter, with Liam Brady and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, were national manager Enzo Bearzot's pre-season tip for the championship. Then Rummenigge broke a toe and missed the start of the season. But there is plenty of time yet for Ilario Castagner's team and the fuss surrounding the shock departure of Sandro Mazzola as executive director has now died down.

The opening day of the league season was a triumph for West German Hans-Peter Briegel. He not only played Diego Maradona to a standstill but scored Verona's first goal in their 3-1 win over Napoli. A week later and Briegel got his name on the scoresheet again, this time a 3-1 win away to Ascoli which inspired a sudden rethink by West German team chief Franz Beckenbauer over his original belief that there was no role for Briegel in his World Cup team.

Verona, thanks to the powerful German, are clear at the top. They maintained a 100 per cent record in their third game by defeating Udinese 1-0 thanks to a penalty from Giuseppe Galderisi — the first of his career. In Udinese's defence it must be pointed out that Zico was absent, injured.

Last season's Champions' Cup runners-up Roma are not doing as badly as Lazio, but they haven't started the season very brightly. The new methods of Swedish coach Sven-Goran Eriksson haven't gone down too well with some of the players and the sale of skipper Agostino di Bartolomei to Milan plus another injury to Paolo Falcao haven't helped.

Roma drew all their first three games. Their only victory was off the pitch where the federation rejected a coaching association complaint against the presence of Eriksson as "technical director" while a ban on foreign coaches was supposed to be in force. More than that the federation scrapped the restriction on foreign coaches altogether, both legalising Eriksson's position and opening the door for the possible importation of more managerial talent.

Champions Juventus began quietly — with goalless draws at Como and Avellino in the first three weeks of term — and while Milan took that long to collect their first win it was well worth the wait. England striker Mark Hateley scored both goals in a 2-1 win over promoted Cremonese to become — after three games — the league's top scorer with three goals.

Graeme Souness has also been among the goals for Sampdoria, while Trevor Francis has suffered yet another injury — in the 1-1 draw away to Napoli, for whom Diego Maradona rattled in a goal on his competitive home debut from the penalty spot. The game was watched by a 77,099 crowd, paying receipts of £470,000.

Off the field Verona transferred surplus-to-requirements Pole Wladyslaw Zmuda to New York Cosmos and Ascoli seized upon Napoli's release of Brazilian midfielder Dirceu to the exclusion from their squad of the injury-prone Belgian, Ludo Coeck.

To end on an international note: Bearzot was pleased with his redeveloping national team after an Antonio Cabrini goal had brought a 1-0 win over Sweden . . . and Juventus, Roma, Fiorentina and Inter all came safely through their first round European ties.

Ups and downs for Gomes

THE Difficulties in keeping a balance on the swings and roundabouts of international football are well understood by Fernando Gomes after the latest events in the career of the goal-hungry Porto striker.

It was his header which set Portugal off to an excellent start in their quest to return to the World Cup finals for the first time since finishing third in 1966. Gomes planted a firm downward header to beat Sweden in Stockholm in a highly successful managerial debut for new boss Jose Torres.

But a couple of weeks later he was on the wrong end of matters in the Cup-winners' Cup. Gomes scored twice in the return leg of the first round tie against Wrexham. But though Porto won 4-3, the Welsh team, of course, went through for a result which will surely stand as one of the major upsets of the entire season.

Porto, at press time, are level with Sporting Club at the top. Both teams have ten points from six games — Porto's defeat coming on the opening day of the season by 1-0 against local rivals Boavista.

Boavista make a habit of making life complicated for the big three clubs. A couple of weeks later they were unlucky that Benfica escaped with a goalless draw in a game which saw visiting midfielder Jose Luis sent off seven minutes from time.

Benefica began well enough with a 2-0 victory over Braga but then lost by the same margin away to Porto for whom the lively Gomes scored both goals. But the former Golden Boot winner is not the marksman who's been making the biggest headlines.

He is Joao Marques de Jesus Lopes, more commonly known simply as Djao, and his flair around the goal area is making Jimmy Melia's Belenenses one of the most attractive of opponents.

Born in Tete, Mozambique, 26 years ago, Djao joined Belenenses five years ago and has exploded this season. He scored a hat-trick in a 4-1 defeat of fellow promotion winners Academica Coimbra and then ran up four more in the 4-3 beating of Salgueiros. That made his total nine in five games, the sort of statistics from the days when forwards from Mozambique — Eusebio at their head — dominated the scoring charts.

from Leslie Vernon

FINE START F

HUNGARY opened their World Cup campaign in imposing style, beating an above-average Austrian team 3-1 in the Nepstadion.

Before the game, Gyorgy Mezey, the Hungarian national team manager, had several problems. Disztl, Torocsik and Hajszan were injured, Bodonyi was off-form, and last time out, Hungary had been well beaten by Mexico.

He called-up his two foreign-based players, Nyilasi and Szokoli, and forgave the Honved pair, Varga and A. Nagy, their indiscretions. This duo had been found guilty of bribery, but received only suspended sentences.

Finally, this much-changed team played against Austria: Andrusch — Csuhay (Sallai), Roth, Garaba, Varga — Kardos, A. Nagy, Detari — Kippich, Nyilasi, Esterhazy.

In the first half the Austrians were the more inventive side, and in the 24th minute they took the lead when Schachner took a Polster pass in his stride, beat Roth and sent the ball into the left-hand corner. Sallai took over from Csuhay at half-time, and his presence gave the defence a more solid look.

Hungary played well in this period, and Antal Nagy equalised with a header in the 50th minute after a Detari free-kick. Twelve minutes later, Esterhazy played a wall-pass with Nyilasi and scored an excellent goal. In the 78th minute, Kardos completed the scoring with a thunderbolt from 30 yards.

Later, Detari took Kardos's pass past the goalkeeper, but Koncilia grabbed his leg and pulled him down. An obvious penalty, but the French referee, Vautrot, waved play on. He explained that he used the advantage rule, and when Detari fell, it was too late to blow — a strange reasoning.

The best players of a very good Hungarian side were A. Nagy, Detari and Kiprich. This was the first cap for Jozsef Kiprich, of Tatabanya, and his display was a pleasant surprise. No first-night nerves here, he was fast, clever, his runs and centres were a constant danger to the Austrian goal.

After the match, Mezey said: "I am very pleased with the team's overall performance, especially in the second half when we played some excellent penetrating football. Now I can look forward to the World Cup matches with reasonable optimism."

His opposite number, Erich Hof, said: "In the first half, everything went according to plan, but the quick Hungarian equaliser in the second half came as a cold shower. My players tired later on and were unable to follow tactical instructions. I can only congratulate the Hungarians."

On club level, the news is less encouraging. Only Videoton could fight their way into the second round of the European competitions. They beat Dukla Prague at home 1-0 with a goal by Szabo, and in Czechoslovakia, they defended well in a 0-0 draw.

Honved were unlucky to go out against an ordinary Grasshoppers side in the Champions' Cup. Dajka scored the first goal for the Army team in Zurich, but Jara equalised. In the 71st minute Grasshoppers scored a goal which shouldn't have been allowed to stand. Muller was yards offside when the ball was passed to him. Unfortunately the Swiss champions scored once more, winning 3-1, consequently, Honved's 2-1 win in the second leg wasn't good enough.

Siofok, the second division cup-holders, found Larissa of Greece too hard a nut to crack, and after a 1-1 draw at Szekesfehervar, they were beaten 2-0 in Greece. Raba Eto lost to Manchester United 3-0 at Old Trafford, and although the Hungarians played very well in the return match, they could only draw 2-2. A sad European balance sheet.

In the championship, Csepel and Honved share the lead after

Eastern Europe Review from Terry Bushell

Giant-killing acts in USSR

MAJOR upsets are not common in the Soviet Cup, the gap between the lower divisions and the Supreme League being very wide. Sides promoted to the top flight usually spend only one season there before going back down again, relegated.

In the opening round of the Cup this season, however, no fewer than three Supreme League teams were knocked out by second or third division clubs.

The biggest surprise of all was the elimination of Zhalgiris Vilnius by third division Dynamo Samarkand. Samarkand, in Soviet Central Asia, is most of the time too hot for football and therefore has no footballing tradition. Significantly, most of Dynamo Samarkand's players, judging by their names at least, are Russian and not Uzbek. Samarkand is in the republic of Uzbekistan.

Probably it was really the heat that defeated Zhalgiris. From the cold north, by the Baltic, they must have wilted under the tropical 30 degrees centigrade in which the tie was played — especially as it went to extra time. It was in fact decided on penalties, which the hosts won 3-1, as the match was still goalless after extra time.

There are no replays in any round of the Soviet Cup. This is because there is not enough time to fit in any more matches before the onset of the severe Russian winter.

In an effort to overcome this perennial problem, the Football Federation has come up with a new and, to my mind, unsatisfactory, timetable for the Cup. The quarter-finals, semi-finals and final will be played next season! The two rounds being played this autumn are in fact the start of next season's Cup competition. I cannot imagine anyone being satisfied with this untidy arrangement. Two other Supreme League sides already out of next season's (!) Cup are Pakhtakor Tashkent and Dynamo Tbilisi.

Defeat for the Soviet Union in their opening World Cup-tie away to the Republic of Ireland. Liam Brady gets in a shot before Gennady Litovchenko can challenge.

Pakhtakor went out 1-0 away to Dynamo Batumi, while Tbilisi lost another penalties shoot-out, at Iskra Smolensk. League leaders Zenit Leningrad qualified for the next round by beating second division SKA Khabarovsk 4-0 at home.

In the League, Zenit, who have led almost from the start of the season, held off a

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five matches with eight points each. Csepel are playing surprisingly well under new manager Jozsef Gelei, whose 17-year-old son, Zsolt, is the team's goalkeeper. In their last match, they beat Zalaegerszeg 1-0 with a goal by Budavari.

Honved defeated Ferencvaros 2-1 in the first "double header" of the season. This was an excellent match, billed as experience v youth. The rejuvenated Fradi took the lead in the 28th minute, but Detari equalised seven minutes later. Varga scored the winner in the second half.

Ferencvaros are fifth with six points, they have a few injured players, but so far, the youngsters have given a good account of themselves.

In the first match in the Nepstadion, Ujpest Dozsa beat Vasas 2-1. Szabo and Ambrus scored for the lilac-and-whites, while Nyul got a late consolation goal for Vasas. Neither of these two teams started the season well. Dozsa are 12th with four points and Vasas have only three points. They are just ahead of the "relegation" pair, Haladas and Szeged.

Raba Eto travelled to Eger in the fifth round and drew 2-2 with the newly-promoted team. After a goalless first half, Kurucz netted twice for the visitors, while Varga and T. Kiss scored for the home team. Eger have averaged a point per match so far, just like fellow promoted team, Debrecen. Bekescsaba, the third newcomers, have four points.

Just before the league season started, yet another almighty scandal disfigured the picture of Hungarian football. The accusations centred on four Csepel players, and the Csepel chairman, Jeno Kun. It appears that last season, before the home league matches against Volan, Nyiregyhaza and Honved, large sums changed hands in order to ensure victory for the away sides.

Gabor Kohalmi and Attila Kovacs, Csepel's two ex-internationals, were paid 362,000 forints (about £6,000) to distribute amongst their fellow team members. Only two other players were paid, and footballers of the other clubs were also involved, including the two Honved internationals, Varga and Nagy.

There wasn't any doubt about the allegations, there were eyewitnesses who saw "brown envelopes" changing hands in the car park before these matches, and later the ringleaders admitted their guilt.

The punishments were severe, but the Csepel players were the hardest hit. Jeno Kun, chairman, is suspended for 10 years, and Dr. Albert Bihari, chairman of Nyiregyhaza, is also suspended for 10 years.

And the players? Kohalmi and Kovacs received 10 year sentences (Kovacs was the regular goalkeeper of the national side before the scandal broke!), Laszlo Gendur and Laszlo Ladanyi, Csepel players, received four year suspensions. All the others were suspended but leniently put on probation for one year. They are Antal Nagy and Jozsef Varga (both Honved), Szikszai (Nyiregyhaza), Jozsef Forintos (Volan), Arpad Kromer (Volan) and Gyorgy Hamori (Volan).

A sad affair but not unique in Hungarian football. Teams are so intent on winning titles and avoiding relegation, that they go to this length to ensure their targets. It has been going on for years, this case is only the tip of the proverbial iceberg. As the four Csepel players were also told that they must pay back the bribe money, no one got any richer from this latest transgression.

But how many other games were bought and sold last season? That is what the disheartened Hungarian public is asking, they do not like to be made fools of by attending matches where the result is the end product of some dirty back-door machination.

An official supervisor from the FA will now attend every match to see that it is above suspicion.

challenge from Dnepr by snatching a point in a 1-1 draw at Dynamo Minsk while Dnepr were losing 1-0 at Tbilisi.

Dnepr had drawn level on points thanks to a 2-1 home win over Shakhtyor Donetsk.

One interesting fact of the drawn game at Minsk is that the home side did not get a point for it as they have exceeded their quota of drawn games. After 10 drawn games, teams no longer get a point — and this was Minsk's 13th drawn match. Those three lost points would have taken them up to second place in any other league.

As it was, Torpedo were in second place — until they surprisingly suffered a humiliating 4-0 home defeat at the hands of Spartak. Sidorov and Kuznetsov each scored a brace, and it could have been an even bigger rout had Sidorov not missed a penalty in the 71st minute.

Dnepr moved up into second position with a fine 2-0 home win over Ararat Yerevan. Taran put the hosts ahead in the 39th minute and national team player Litovchenko put the issue beyond doubt in the 67th minute. Ararat attacked furiously in the closing minutes and created several chances but could not convert any of them and anyway had left it too late.

YUGOSLAVIA

THREE officials of first division side Budocnost Titograd have been charged with attacking and injuring a referee and are appearing in court.

The three, including manager Branko Bulatovic, were arrested after an incident following Budocnost's home league match against Hajduk Split, which the visitors won 3-2.

The referee, Dobrivoje Cvetkovic, was still in hospital having treatment for head and kidney injuries a month after the assault.

That away victory put Hajduk top of the league after three matches. But two 1-0 away defeats, at Osijek and Sarajevo, and a dropped home point in a 2-2 draw against Pristina, saw them slip down the table.

Joint leaders after seven matches were local rivals Zeljeznicar Sarajevo and Sarajevo. Both had 10 points from four victories and two draws. One of the draws was a hard-fought goalless local derby at Sarajevo.

Hajduk seem to have problems, for, apart from slipping in the league, they suffered a humiliating defeat at home to Moscow Dynamo in their Cup-Winners' Cup second leg match. The Russian side, who are in danger of relegation in their own league, thrashed Hajduk in Osijek 5-2 to go through on a 6-2 aggregate.

Hajduk had been 2-1 up at one point, thanks to a 40th-minute goal from Deveric and a 50th-minute penalty from Zlatko Vujovic. But a hat-trick from veteran winger Valery Gazayev and goals from Bulanov and Khapsalis sent the 35,000 spectators home thoroughly disgruntled with their struggling side.

POLAND

LECH POZNAN could soon be looking for a new manager, if current boss Wojciech Lazarek carries out his threat to resign.

He said he would quit if Lech failed to reach the semi-finals of the European Cup. Presumbly, now they have been knocked out by Liverpool in the first round, he is scouring the "situations vacant" column.

But maybe not, for his dramatic threat was for foreign consumption only. He said in Polish papers before the home first leg match, "If we could have strengthened our team with two good players we could fight. As it is our chances are slim, although we will not give up". Defeats in both legs justified this pessimistic view.

Lech Poznan, who achieved a League and Cup double last season, have a strange record in the league this term. Out of the nine opening matches, they had drawn seven. As the other two results were victories, this left them comfortably fourth, behind Legia Warsaw, Widzew Lodz and Gornik Zabrze, all of whom had 13 points.

One surprise in the league is the poor performance of Lechi Gdansk, who had been expected to do well. After six matches they were still without a win and were third from bottom.

Although they then beat Ruch Chorzow and Radomiak Radom, in both cases 2-1 at home, a 4-0 thrashing at Wisla Krakow and other poor results left them still languishing near the bottom.

The most interesting side of the opening matches was Widzew Lodz, who combined skill, strength and enthusiasm to overcome a strong Zaglebie Sosnowiec team at home and go top. Wojcicki and Dziekanowski scored the goals, one in each half, in this important match, which was graced with the skill of Smolarek complementing the hard work of Vraga and Swiatek.

This victory left Widzew in good heart for their two consecutive top-of-the-table clashes, away to leaders Pogon Szeczecin and at home to Lech Poznan.

They won 2-0 at Pogon, to take over the leadership, but then dropped a home point in a goalless draw with Lech.

They retained the top spot for another week however, until another dropped home point, in a 1-1 draw with Wisla Krakow, came on a day when Legia Warsaw were beating Baltyk Gdynia 1-0 at home.

Surprise early leaders Pogon were meanwhile slipping out of the race, going down to eighth position after a 2-0 home defeat by Motor Lublin.

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Racing Jet still hog headlines

FOR the second month in succession the fate of promoted Racing Jet Brussels has hogged the Belgian football headlines. This time though the story concerns a notable victory and not the thrashing suffered against Anderlecht.

Any thoughts that the opening night debacle was one of those things were quickly dispelled by the end of the sixth round of matches. Racing Jet were firmly entrenched at the foot of the table, having picked up just one point for their efforts. Something had to change, so exit trainer Johan Vermeersch, the first casualty of the season but doubtless not the last. After his efforts last season with the relegated RWDM one could question whether Vermeersch is unlucky or just a rank bad trainer.

His replacement was Jean-Paul Colonval, a well respected journalist who had previously had two four year spells in charge at Racing Jet from 1971-75 and 1978-82. Here was a man who at least knew how the club functioned, proof coming just three days after his appointment when Racing Jet went out on to the Heysel turf and defeated reigning champions Beveren rather more comprehensively than the 1-0 scoreline suggests.

The fact that Beveren's small squad was depleted by the absences of Kusto, Lambrichts and Jaspers matters little. Racing Jet were at last on their way and Beveren keeper Philippe De Wilde was left to bemoan the fact once again a bottom of the table outfit, known in Belgium as 'lanternes rouges', had proven a jinx on him and his colleagues.

It would be nice to record that Racing Jet went triumphantly forward. Unfortunately Club Brugge were unco-operative and quickly brought the Colonval bandwagon back to earth with a 3-0 reversal.

As with last season then it looks a case of one Brussels team at the bottom and one at or near the top. Certainly Anderlecht's undefeated eight match opening sequence has established them as hot favourites.

Hard on their heels though are Club Brugge, who, apart from a right good pasting at Gent, have proven to be a difficult team to beat, as Brian Clough would no doubt testify. Gent's home form has been exceptional, a trio of four goal successes coming to an end with a mere 3-1 victory over Beerschot, now trained by ex-Gent playmaker Aad Koudijzer.

Obviously Gent's cup success of last season was no flash in the pan, and with summer arrivals Ruzic and Martens strengthening the squad there is no reason to think that Grijzenhout will not have a profitable first term in charge.

Elsewhere in the league both Beerschot and Waterschei could only muster three goals from the first eight games, and consequently found themselves much nearer the bottom than the top. Seraing must be delighted that their completely rebuilt team has started soundly, whilst Standard Liege supporters cannot have been too happy with defeats at home to Beveren and away at Cercle then being followed by a goalless draw at home to bottom club Lierse.

Paris Saint-Germain's Yugoslav star Safet Susic in European championship action against Belgium.

It's all Gree

From Lou Economopoulos in Athens

THE Greek first division began last in September and once again the fan and news media attention has been taken away from the Greek national team preparing for the World Cup preliminary against Poland.

In fact, by reading the sports pages here, you would hardly know that the Greek team existed.

Maybe that's the way head coach Miltos Papapostolou wants it. After all, the team have not produced good results the last couple of years with other managers.

"I'm still searching for a player to complete the defence," Papapostolou said in preparing his team for the final friendly against Israel. "I am in need of a stopper that's why I'm testing various players in that position."

The other places in defence are sure with goalkeeper Mikos Sarganis (Olympiakos), right back Petros Xanthopoulos (Olympiakos), left back Mikos Karoulians (Panathinaikos) and sweeper Petros Mihos (Olympiakos).

"I will continue to try players until I find the right, permanent national team," said Papapostolou, who has tested more than 30 players in the last year.

Sarganis has had injury problems throughout the summer, but Papapostolou relied on the veteran after fine performances for Olympiakos recently.

The other spots where Papapostolou is certain are midfielder Stelios Manolas (AEK), midfielder Savvas Kofidis (Iraklis), midfielder Giorgos Semertzidis (Aris), forward Tasos Mitropoulos (Olympiakos), forward Nikos Anastopoulos (Olympiakos) forward Yiannis Dintsikos (AEK).

Other players called up for the Israel match and sure to be in the squad for the Poland match were goalkeeper Giorgos Plitsis (Larisa), defender Nikos Vanvakoulas (Olympiakos),

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WHATEVER the trials and vicissitudes of native Yugoslav football and its international team, Yugoslav forwards in France are in fine fettle; suggesting that the new selector, Milos Milutinovic, himself so well known here once, was wrong to throw out Susic for the 6-1 defeat against Scotland.

And that perhaps Halihodzic could have done something for a disappointing Yugoslav team in France last June; or even in the United States, a few weeks later.

Susic has been in astonishing form. Hearts as we know could make nothing of him when Paris Saint Germain thrashed them 4-0 in the opening leg of their UEFA Cup first round tie, but right after that, he was in still more devastating form at the Parc des Princes against Bastia.

The feeble Bastia defence gave away five goals all of which were set up by Susic. "He has succeeded in playing the perfect match," said the usually far from effusive Georges Peyroche, his manager at Paris S-G, after the superb performance against Hearts, which included a goal in each half.

Safet Susic in fact had begun this season rather badly. Georges Peyroche charitably explained this, first on the grounds that his child prevented him from sleeping at nights, secondly, because Susic is not the kind of player to become embroiled in battles at the foot of the League table. "Safet has," he said, "a romantic conception of football."

Nocturnal

Susic was very upset by a newspaper article which alleged that he was enjoying the delights of nocturnal Paris too well, that he had a tendency to put on weight, that he was over paid. So, having had all this translated for him — even after a couple of years in Paris, his French is not of the best — Susic refused to talk to journalists.

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defender Giorgos Mitsibonas (Larisa), defender Pavlos Papaiocannou (AEK), midfielder Christos Ardizoglou (AEK), forward Dimitris Saravakos (Panathinaikos), forward Kostas Batsinilas (Ethnikos) and defender Nikos Alavantas (PAOK).

"I promise the Greek fans that the men who will play against Poland will give it all they have," Papapostolou said.

This year's results have not been too satisfying, however. So far the national team have beaten Cyprus in Nicosia 2-0, nothing to brag about, and lost 1-0 against Czechoslovakia at t he Athens Olympic Stadium and 1-0 in East Germany against their B team.

Papapostolou is working with basically a young team. Only Karoulias and Ardizoglou are more than 30. Ardizoglou has 40 caps.

Meanwhile, Olympiakos appear to have sorted things out after last year's slip-ups. In the first two matches of the new season, the Piraeus club came away with a 1-0 victory at Iraklis and a 4-0 drubbing of newcomers Panahaiki at the Athens Olympic Stadium — each time in front of 40,000 fans. Nikos Anastopoulos, the top scorer in the legue the lst two season, hit the net three times in the two matches.

Larisa beat Doxa 1-0 in Drama and whitewashed Apollon Kalamarias 3-0 at home to remain unbeaten. POAK of Salonica have also had a good start with a 3-1 debut victory at Apollon Athens and a 2-0 hometown triumph over arch-rivals Aris in the Salonica derby the following week before 40,000 fans.

Ethnikos, on the strength of two victories over the two newcomers in the league (3-0 at home against Panahaiki and 4-2 at Pierikos), were the only other team with a perfect early record.

Champions Panathinaikos were held to a 1-1 draw at Panionios after a 2-0 opening season win over OFI.

SECOND TERM FOR ABELLA

from Domenico Aquilina

GEORGE Abela was re-elected as president of the Main Football Association (Malta) for two years more and immediately announced plans to introduce a fully equipped and modern training complex at the Ta Qali national stadium.

Meanwhile the national squad left for a 15-day intensive training camp, in Moscow, in view of the national side's World Cup qualifying commitments against Czechoslovakia and West Germany.

National coach Genscho Dobrev intends to re-juvenate the national side, by introducing many new youngsters like Joe Gatt and John Buttigieg of Sliema Rabat's latest signing Martin Scicluna, starlet Ray Vella of Marsa, and the much sought after striker Denis Mizi of Vittoriosa.

Next term the premier division championship, will revert to the old, traditional double round basis format, instead of last term's experimental championship and relegation system, which proved no success at all.

LAYS THE T MATCH

from Andre Duclos

"The contact between Susic and the Press isn't easy," said Peyroche, in an effort to pour oil on troubled waters. "But you must understand, he is sensitive and easily angered. I'm astonished, though, that he is one of the only top class foreigners who doesn't have long interviews in the specialist Press."

Team man

Well, that must be because he doesn't want them. There were plenty of them when he first came to Paris, even if they were conducted through an interpreter. Parisian Pressmen accuse him of being perverse, if not being a true team man, of not giving his best and his all when the side is in trouble. They go on to claim that his lack of co-operation with them is the obverse of this attitude. Perhaps. But when you think of the splendid free kick, the beautiful volley, which brought his goals against Hearts, when you remember the superb display against Bastia, then all must surely be forgiven. This is a player who brings quality and excitement to the French Championship.

Susic has spent two years in Paris. Halihodzic has had four with Nantes. And he is now not only scoring goals, but frequently making them. It hasn't been too easy for the somewhat melancholy Slav, said to laugh only when he scored or describes one of his goals, to adjust to Nantes, where most of the players are Frenchmen who came up through the juniors. But he has done very well indeed; not least the season when Nantes took the title, and Halihodzic ended up top scorer. He can score sensational goals; such as the one against Toulon, when he went past four defenders.

This season, he got away like an Olympic sprinter. "Since I was injured at the end of last season," he explains, "I virtually had three months' holiday. It's important to me, as it's very hard to play centre-forward for Nantes. The way the team plays makes it impossible to hang about waiting for balls in the penalty box as I did when I was playing in Yugoslavia. You have to drop back, all the time."

Bruising

Halihodzic is used to bruising close marking. If people kick him then he kicks them back. More, his mobility and stamina is such that he will pull them about all over the field. "Before each training session," says his manager, Suaudeau, once an elegant player himself, "he takes a ball and roams the field for half an hour, right foot, left foot, a trick which isn't turned in France, and which enables him to dribble with both feet." He loves to play with the international winger, Loic Amisse, and to the satisfaction of Suaudeau, he is blending better with José Touré. Their highly conflicting temperaments haven't made that easy.

"When I see him play like this," says Suaudeau, "I can't understand why they don't pick him for Yugoslavia. Lucky for us, as we don't have to do without him. And then, it would be tough for France to have to play against him in the World Cup!"

Of the British expatriates in France, it is Ian Wallace who has been doing truly well, settling down very quickly to play some excellent games for Brest. Just as well for his Breton team that he is so enormously effective and active. Their defence gives much too much rope to the opposition, particularly down the flanks. But the little, red headed Scot isn't dismayed. He beavers away at the heart of opposing defences, and had one of his finest games in an untidy 3-3 draw at home to Tours. He was intimately involved in two of his team's goals, including the last minute equaliser; just five minutes after Tours had had a man sent off.

For Laurie Cunningham, playing up front for the newly promoted Marseilles, it has been less easy. They seem ill-equipped to deal with the really big guns; such as Bordeaux, who thrashed them 4-1 just after what seemed to be an exhausting battle against Athletic Bilbao in the European Cup, a game resulting in a terribly hard-fought 3-2 win for the French champions. Still, then, without the ever more expensive Portuguese Chalana, and the elegant Tigana.

Versatile

Marseilles held Bordeaux to 1-1 at half-time but then they collapsed, and the player they found it most difficult to deal with both in defence and attack was the former Strasbourg centre-half and discarded French international, Specht, who has been showing superbly versatile form, tough in defence, yet always eager to go forward.

Bordeaux have been an odd side, baffling even their own manager, Aimé Jacquet, who talked after the first leg against Bilbao of "a victory of the will which we owe essentially to our moral qualities, to our cohesion." To play poorly and win; that's always something.

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SEPTEMBER 1

Berne — friendly
Switzerland 0
Argentina 2 (Ponce 7, Dertycia 34)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Daly (Republic of Ireland).

Switzerland: Engel — In-Albion, Wehrli, Egli, Schällibaum — Perret, Geiger, Hermann — Zwicker (Sutter 68), Brigger (Cina 89), Ponte (Braschler 46).

Argentina: Islas — Camino, Brown, Ruggeri, Garre — Trobbiani (Marcico 66), Bochini (Rinaldi 89), Russo, Ponce — Burruchaga, Dertycia (Gonzalez 79).

Argentina arrived for their European tour debut looking shaky. They had just lost to Colombia in a rough and tumble match which saw three players sent off and manager Carlos Bilardo's methods and ideas were starting to come under fire. However, his gamble on tour with youth paid immediate dividends. He named two 19-year-olds, three 22-year-olds and one 23-year-old in Berne and saw them deservedly go ahead in the seventh minute. Trobbiani laid on the first goal with a cross which cleared the head of Schällibaum. Ponce slipped clear of Perret, chested the ball down and fired past Engel. Inside another half-hour Argentina were 2-0 ahead. Brigger's lazy pass for Wehrli let in Dertycia who slipped the ball away from the sweeper and went on to score. "For an hour we were perfect," said Argentine manager Bilardo. Swiss boss Paul Wolfisberg responded by announcing that his team was still good enough, in defeat, to enter World Cup action in Norway.

SEPTEMBER 5

Brussels — friendly
Belgium 0
Argentina 2 (Trobbiani 8, Ruggeri 35)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 7,853. **Ref:** Wöhrer (Austria).

Belgium: Munaron — Grun, Clijsters, De Wolf, Baecke (Jaspers 46) — Scifo, Ceulemans, Vandereycken, Vercauteren — De Grojze, Czerniatynski.

Argentina: Islas — Camino, Brown (Garre 69), Trossero, Ruggeri — Russo, Ponce (Guisti 52), Bochini, Trobbiani — Burruchaga, Gareca.

Argentina brought back Giusti, Trossero and Gareca after self-imposed one-match suspensions following their expulsions in the 1-0 defeat away to Colombia. The result was the same as in Switzerland: Argentina were just too good. Belgium included eight of their European finals team and gave a debut to new Brugge forward Marc De Gryze — all to no avail. Argentina needed a little steel to impose their rule this time: Ponce, Burruchaga, Ponce and Guisti were all booked and Ruggeri was sent off six minutes from time. Even so they did more than enough to impress West German team chief Franz Beckenbauer, spying in advance of the Argentines' visit there.

Athens — friendly
Greece 0
Czechoslovakia 1 (Berger 64)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,500. **Ref:** Vlajic (Yugoslavia).

Greece: Plitsis — Papaioannou (Mihlos 31; Galitsios 64), Karoulias, Manolas, Vamvakoulas — Alavantas, Xanthopoulos, Antoniou — Anastopoulos, Mitropoulos, Vatsinilas.

Czechoslovakia: Borovicka — Hasek, Prokes, Ondra, Rada — Kozak, Kocian, Berger, Chovanec (Levy 88) — Griga (Janecka 75), Knoflicek (Valek 80).

Czechoslovak boss Josef Masopust provided new caps for three players — Bohemians goalkeeper Borovicka. Sparta right back Hasek and Kocian, the Dukla Banska Bystrica midfielder. But it was old hand Jan Berger who provided the victory goal for the new manager in his first international in charge. Masopust acknowledged one handicap: he would have preferred to play Valek and Janecka from the start had not both men been recovering from slight injuries.

SEPTEMBER 6

Lisbon (Restelo) — friendly
Portugal 1 (Gomes 22 penalty)
Bulgaria 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,500. **Ref:** Sanchez Arminio (Spain).

Portugal: Bento (Damas 46) — Joao Pinto (Alvaro 74), Lima Pereira, Eurico, Inacio — Frasco (Dito 74), Sousa (Carlos Manuel 46), Jaime Pacheco, Futre — Dimantino, Gomes.

Bulgaria: Mikhailov — Khubchev, Borissov, Arabov, Markov, Pechlivanov, Sadakov, Zdravkov (Valov 74), Gospodinov, Gochev (Kiev 77), Mladenov.

Portugal wanted a warm-up for their World Cup tie against Sweden, but the Bulgarians provided poor opponents. They packed their defence and showed little of the attacking spirit likely to come from the Swedes. Young Futre had a fine game in the Portuguese midfield, though the winner came from a Gomes penalty which punished a first-half foul in the area by Arabov. At least this provided a debut win for the new Portuguese boss Jose Torres.

SEPTEMBER 12

Stockholm — WC Euro qual group 2
Sweden 0
Portugal 1 (Gomes 79)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,136. **Ref:** Quiniou (France).

Sweden: Ljung — Erlandsson, Hysen, Dahlqvist, Fredriksson — Eriksson, Bergman (Borg 77), Tord, Holmgren, Tommy Holmgren — Sandberg, Holmqvist.

Portugal: Bento — Joao Pinto, Lima Pereira, Eurico, Inacio — Frasco, Jaime Pacheco, Carlos Manuel, Sousa — Gomes (Futre 89), Diamantino (Vermelhinho 87).

Despite several injury problems, Portugal scored an excellent win to open their World Cup account against the previously-reviving Swedes. The hosts dominated midfield play but strikers Holmqvist and Sandberg rarely worried Bento. Sweden also had injury problems and clearly missed striker Dan Corneliusson and midfielder Glenn Stromberg. Stand-in goalkeeper Bernt Ljung did well though (Tomas Ravelli was another injury victim) when he saved from Carlos Manuel in the 47th minute. Half an hour later Portugal grabbed the winner. Porto leftback Inacio provided the cross and Gomes, unmarked for once, headed down past Ljung for the only goal of the game.

Belfast — WC Euro qual group 3
Northern Ireland 3 (Iorgulescu own goal 33, Whiteside 62, O'Neill 74)
Rumania 2 (Hagi 36, Geolgau 81)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Ponnet (Belgium).

Northern Ireland: Jennings — Nicholl, McClelland, McElhinney, Donaghy — Armstrong, M. O'Neill, McCreery, Stewart — Hamilton, Whiteside.

Rumania: Lung — Rednic, Stefanescu, Iorgulescu, Ungureanu — Ticleanu (Movila 81), Andone, Klein, Irimescu (Geolgau 72) — Augustin, Hagi.

Northern Ireland won a rugged old game to celebrate the new £2 million stand and the return of World Cup football to Windsor Park. They took the lead somewhat luckily — but deservedly — in the 33rd minute when Iorgulescu and Andone jumped across one another as they tried to clear an Armstrong cross. Iorgulescu appeared to have been the man who sliced the ball beyond his own goalkeeper. But three minutes later a rare Pat Jennings blunder, in his 106th international, allowed Hagi to equalise. The Irish went back in front in the 62nd minute. Norman Whiteside beat the Rumanian offside trap to score — and then collected a booking for leaving the pitch without permission to celebrate. Armstrong then knocked down a Stewart cross for Martin O'Neill to score the third. Rumania did pull one back: Jennings made a superb save to Augustin's effort on a Hagi cross, but substitute Geolgau rapped in the loose ball. In the last seconds Klein was sent off for flattening Whiteside.

Dublin — WC Euro group 6
Republic of Ireland 1 (Walsh 60)
Soviet Union 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Keizer (Holland).

Republic of Ireland: McDonagh — Devine, O'Leary, Lawrenson, Hughton — Whelan, Grealish, Brady — Robinson, Walsh (O'Keefe 82), Galvin.

Soviet Union: Dassayev — Sulakvelidze, Chivadze, Demianenko, Baltacha, Oganesyan (Gotsmanov 69), Litovchenko, Bessonov (Zigmantovich 37), Aleinikov, Rodionov, Blokhin.

The Irish succeeded where England, at Wembley a few month earlier, had failed — beating the Soviets thanks to the midfield skills of Liam Brady and the opportunism of another football league export Micky Walsh. In the first half two headers from Robinson went close and another from Walsh was brilliantly saved by Dassayev. In the second half Robinson made a break down the right and drew two defenders to create the opening for Walsh to score. In the 79th minute the Irish were denied a penalty when Sulakvelidze appeared to foul Walsh. In the 88th minute the Soviets nearly equalised: Rodionov's 20-yard drive hit the bar and when Litovchenko fired in the rebound the ball came back off the foot of a post.

Oslo — WC Euro group 6
Norway 0
Switzerland 1 (Egli 3 penalty)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 14,431. **Ref:** Sostaric (Yugoslavia).

Norway: Thorstvedt — Hareide, Soler, Kojedal, Grondalen — Herlovsen, Ahlsen, Davidsen, Giske (Albertsen 61) — Dokken, Brandhaug (Seland 43).

Switzerland: Engel — In-Albon, Wehrli, Egli — Schällibaum, Koller, Geiger, Hermann — Brigger, Barberis, Sutter.

Norway fancied their chances against a Swiss side depressed by successive defeats at the hands of Hungary and Argentina already this season. But they never expected, and never recovered from, a third-minute penalty awarded against skipper Svein Grondalen for hands. Borussia Dortmund defender Andy Egli converted the spot kick for the game's only goal. Norway had been weakened by injuries and club commitments and rarely troubled a Swiss defence made up almost entirely of Grasshoppers men. Best Norwegians were Hamburg's Erik Soler and former Notts County and Norwich defender Age Hareide.

Reykjavik — WC Euro group 7
Iceland 1 (Magnus Bergs 50)
Wales 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 14,500. **Ref:** Jensen (Denmark)

Iceland: Sigurdsson — Thrainsson, Sveinsson, Bergs, Jonsson, Sigurvinsson, Edvaldsson, Thorbjornsson, Gudlaugsson, Petursson, Gratarsson.

Wales: Southall — Slatter, Hopkins, Ratcliffe, Jones — G. Davies (Charles 60), Jackett, M. Thomas — A. Davies, R. James, Hughes.

Tony Knapp's Iceland secured their first win in 15 months (and that last one was against Malta by 1-0 in June, 1983) when they defeated a Wales side who were later roasted by manager Mike England. Wales badly missed knee injury victim Ian Rush up front. Gordon Davies and Joey Jones both had first-half shots saved or blocked. But in the 50th minute Thordarsson took a corner at the other end, and Magnus Bergs headed it home past Southall. Iceland's efforts earned the satisfaction of manager Knapp. But opposite number Mike England was far from pleased. He stormed: "We were disgraceful. There was only one team out there who wanted to win and it wasn't us."

Copenhagen — friendly
Denmark 3 (Laudrup 36, Christensen 67, Eigenbroed 85)
Austria 1 (Gisinger 47)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Van Swieten (Holland)

Denmark: Qvist — Rasmussen, Busk, Eigenbrod, Cristofte — Eriksen, Molby, Berggren (Sive-

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baeck 83) — J. Olsen (F. Christensen 61), Elkjaer (Hansen 86), Laudrup.

Austria: Koncilia — Dihanich (Lainer 46), Obermayer, Pezzey, Weber — Drabits, Prohaska, Gisinger, Baumeister (Hörmann 68), Pregesbauer — Polster (Keglevits 72).

Despite a rainstorm, an injury-weakened team and the fine goalkeeping of Austrian veteran Friedl Koncilia, Denmark ran out clear winners. Yet Austria might have had two early goals. Each time the creator of the opening was Prohaska, each time the goal effort came from advancing centre back Pezzey. First he shot against the bar in the 11th minute, then he was narrowly wide two minutes later. But it was a Prohaska mistake that helped Denmark ahead. He lost a midfield ball to Berggren and after Elkjaer carried on the move it was Laudrup who shot home. Austria did get back on terms, Polster opened the way for Martin Gisinger to score early in the second half but then Elkjaer took a hand again. He played key passes in the moves which led to the Danes' second and third goals, scoring by Flemming Christensen and newcomer Henrik Eigenbrod. That wasn't the end of the danes. In the last seconds Koncilia made fine stops from Christensen and Laudrup.

Helsinki — friendly
Finland 0
Poland 2 (Dziekanowski 32, Palasz 66)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Haugen (Norway).

Finland: Huttunen — Pekonen, Kymalainen, Europaeus, Petaja — Turunen, Houtsonen, Dahlund — Lipponen (Rantanen 68), Hjelm, Valvee (Utrianen 78).

Poland: Kazimierski — Kubicki, Zmuda, Adamiec, Wdowczyk (Karas 71) — Buncol, Matysik, Ostrowski — Kusto (Palasz 46), Dziekanowski, Smolarek (Tarasziewicz 79).

Finland looked unimpressive even against a not-very-convincing Poland. Wlodek Smolarek laid on the opening goal for Dariusz Dziewkanowski and the clincher for Palasz midway through the second half.

Düsseldorf — friendly
West Germany 1 (Jakobs 79)
Argentina 3 (Garre 5, Ponce 36, Burrechaga 59)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 45,00. **Ref:** Wurtz (France).

West Germany: Schumacher — Bruns, Brehme, Jakobs, Frontzek — Bommer, Matthäus, Magath, Falkenmayer — Völler (Stielike 46), Mill (Schreier 73).

Argentina: Pumpido — Brown (Camino 54), Trossero, Garre, Trobbiani (Rinaldi 77), Russo, Burruchaga, Bochini, Ponce, Giusti, Gareca.

Franz Beckenbauer's debut as West German team chief was a gloomy one. Argentina ran the game from the start and in the fifth minute Jakobs could only stop Ricardo Gareca with a foul. Oscar Garee beat West German Footballer of the Year Harald Schumacher from the free kick. Jose Ponce made it 2-0 in the 36th minute after taking a return pass from Giusti.

Schumacher, captaining West Germany for the first time in the absences of injured Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Karl-Heinz Förster kept his team's faint hopes alive with some fine saves. But in the 59th minute he was beaten again as a slip by Stielike let through Jorge Burruchaga for goal number 3. The late West German consolation came in the 79th minute, when Jakobs headed in a Felix Magath free kick. Magath was playing his first game for West Germany since the 1982 World Cup semi-final in Seville.

Wembley — friendly
England 1 (Robson 82)
East Germany 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 24,000. **Ref:** Thomas (Holland).

England: Shilton — Duxbury, Wright, Butcher, Sansom — Robson, Wilkins, Williams — Barnes, Mariner (Hateley 80), Woodcock (Francis 80).

East Germany: Müller— Kreer, Dörner, Stahmann, Zöztsche — Liebers, Troppa, Ernst (Raab 89), Steinbach — Streich (Richter 76), Minge.

England were subjected to harsh treatment from a Wembley crowd which went down as the smallest ever to see a fixture against a foreign team. Only a brilliant late goal by Bryan Robson transformed matters and underlined the real difference between the teams. But the proudest man on the pitch was Joachim Streich, who played his 100th international — a record never previously achieved by an East German.

Hampden — friendly
Scotland 6 (Cooper 12, Souness 19, Dalglish 32, Sturrock 62, Johnston 63, Nicholas 75)
Yugoslavia 1 (Vokrri 11).
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Hackett (England).

Scotland: Leighton — Nicol, McLeish, Miller, Albiston — Wark, Souness, Bett (Sturrock 55) — Dalglish, Johnston, Cooper (Nicholas 60).

Yugoslavia: Panteloc (Stojic 46) — Miljus, Baljic, Jesic, Matijevic (Jozic 65), Radanovic, Bahtic, Georgijevski, Vokrri (Pancev 46), Sliskovic, Batrovic.

Milos Milutinovic's first game in charge of Yugoslavia was a total disaster from the start to finish — from the arrival of the first goal in the game which inspired complacency, to the Scots' use of the lively, in-form Charlie Nicholas as a mere substitute. Milutinovic said later: "Scotland demonstrated the sort of top-class football we must emulate if we hope to reach the World Cup finals in Mexico." He also recognised team selection mistakes — among them the recall of reprieved veteran goalkeeper Dragan Pantelic.

SEPTEMBER 26

Budapest — WC Euro qual group 5
Hungary 3 (Nagy 50, Esterhazy 61, Kardos 77)
Austria 1 (Schachner 23)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Vautrot (France).

Hungary: Andrusch — Csuhay (Sallai 46), Roth, Garaba, Varga, Kardos, Nagy, Detari, Kiprich, Nyilasi, Esterhazy.

Austria: Koncilia — Dihanich, Pezzey, Messlender, Pregesbauer, Prohaska, Weber, Gasselich (Hörmann 65), Gisinger (Drabits 75), Schachner, Polster.

For just over half of this game it appeared that visiting Austria would be taking home their first victory of the group. With Prohanska running the midfield they appeared far more assured than Hungary and went ahead in the 23rd minute. Weber and Polster created the gap for Torino striker Walter Schachner to put Austria ahead as Hungary closed their offside trap too slowly. But as the first half went on, so the Austrians began — instead of seeking another goal — to sit back to defend their lead. That proved their undoing. Nagy equalised in the 50th minute and the Hungarians now held the initiative. Nyilasi — who plays for Austrian champions FK Austria, of course — sent Esterhazy through to beat Koncilia. Then the veteran Hungarian star took over from club-mate Prohaska as they key man in midfield and it was no surprise when Kardos hit home a 20-yard drive to conclude the scoring. Koncilia made a poor attempt to save.

Copenhagen — WC Euro qual group 6
Denmark 1 (Elkjaer 56)
Norway 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Bridges (Wales)

Denmark: Qvist — Busk, M. Olsen, Nielsen, Christofte, Bertelsen, Molby, Berggren (Brylle 50), J. Olsen (Lauridsen 77), Laudrup, Elkjaer.

Norway: Thorstvedt — Fjaelberg, Kojedal, Hareide, Grondalen, Soler, Ahlsen, Davidsen, Vaadal (Moen 50), P. Jacobsen (Mathiesen 75), Thoresen.

Denmark boss Sepp Piontek brought nine exiles into his starting line-up for their opening World Cup qualifier and such was their skill and enthusiasm that they might have had three goals in the first five minutes. Elkjaer, Laudrup and Jesper Olsen all failed when it came to adding the accurate finishing and it wasn't until the 11th minute of the second half that Preben Elkjaer made up for his earlier lapses by firing in what proved to be the only goal after a cross from Laudrup. Norway thought they had equalised a little later when Soler slipped through and shot past Qvist. Referee Bridges appeared to allow the goal, then spotted a linesman's flag for offside and awarded Denmark a free kick instead.

Milan — friendly
Italy 1 (Cabrini 3)
Sweden 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Brummeier (Austria)

Italy: Tancredi — Bergomi, Cabrini, Vierchowod, Collovati (Righetti 85), Scirea, Conti (Fanna 15), Bagni, Rossi, Dossena (Tardelli 64), Albobelli.

Sweden: Ljung — Erlandsson, Hysen, Dahlqvist, Fredricksson Holmgren, Stromberg, Ulf Eriksson, Gren, Holmqvist, J. Svensson (Corneliusson 35).

Italy took revenge for the two defeats inflicted by Sweden in the last European championship qualifiers. But it wasn't an entertaining game. The Italians spent too much time hanging back, waiting for the Swedes to come forward and provide a chance to counter — which they didn't often do. Italian manager Enzo Bearzot saw Antonio Cabrini score a fine goal in the opening minutes but the cheers of the crowd soon turned into jeers. The butt of the fans' disapproval was Torino midfielder Giuseppe Dossena and in the second half he was replaced by Tardelli.

Slupsk — friendly
Poland 2 (Dziekanowski 18 and 56 penalty)
Turkey 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,00. **Ref:** Kirschen (East Germany).

Poland: Kazimierski — Kubicki, Zmuda, Wdowczyk, Matysik, Ostrowski (Tarasziewicz), Wijas, Buncol (Okonski), Karas (Dziuba), Dziekanowski, Palasz.

Turkey: Arif — K. Ismael, Muharrem, Abdulkerim, Mujdat, Rasit, Ridvan, B. Ismael (Metin), Fikret, Ilyas, Zafer.

More goals for Dziekanowski as Poland turned over Turkey in a match which saw the Turks practice the tactics they hope to use against England in the World Cup. Not too successfully.

SEPTEMBER 29

Belgrade — WC Euro qual group 4
Yugoslavia 0
Bulgaria 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 11,000. **Ref:** Padar (Hungary).

Yugoslavia: Stojic — Zoran Vujovic (Graçan 40), Baljic, Gudelj, Hadzibegic, Radanovic, Sestic, Sliskovic, Vokrri (Pancev 70), Bazdarevic, Zlatko Vujovic.

Bulgaria: Mikhailov — Petrov, Arabov, Markov, Dimitrov, Zdravkov, Yanchev (Tanev 50), Sadakov, Velichkov, Gospodinov, Mladenov.

Yugoslavia made seven changes from the team thrashed in Scotland and produced a vastly improved display. Indeed, it was somewhat remarkable that the Bulgarians held out. Twice Yugoslavia hit the posts — through Zlatko Vujovic and then Gracan — and their nervy forwards wasted a conservative count of at least six open goals. Sestic, Vokrri and Bazdarevic took most of the blame for the poor finishing. But Bazdarevic did redeem himself with some skillful work in midfield. As for Bulgaria, they were rarely in evidence as an attacking force. Their only real chance came in the 62nd minute when Mladenov wasted his opportunity with only goalkeeper Stojic to beat.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1 — No matches.

Group 2 — Sept 11 (Sodertaelje): Sweden 1 (P. Larsson 44) **Portugal 1** (Caetano 70).

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Group 3 — No matches.

Group 4 — Sept 28 (Zrenjanin): Yugoslavia 1 (Asanovic 26 penalty) **Bulgaria 2** (Stoinov 48, Pasev 72).

Group 5 — May 1 (Limassol): Cyprus 1 (Demosthenos 30) **Austria 1** (Streiter 49). **Sept 25 (Szombathely): Hungary 2** (Plotar 9, Bognar 70) **Austria 0.**

Group 6 — Sept 11 (Sandefjord): Norway 3 (jan Berg 42, Haberg 65, 68) **Switzerland 0. Sept 25 (Brondby): Denmark 2** (Juul 16, O. B. Jensen 26) **Norway 2** (Jan Berg 65, Seland 67).

Group 7 — No matches.

Group 8 — No matches

OTHER MATCHES

Sept (Berne: Young Boys 1 (Weber 68) **Switzerland U21 1** (Nadig 83).

Sept 5 (Paris): France 0 Internazionale 1 (Collovati 83). **(Troyes): France U21 2** (Buisine 1, Fernier 66 penalty) **Albania U21 1** (Briza 17). **(Corinth): Greece U21 0 Czechoslovakia U21 0.**

Sept 6 (Antalya): Turkey 2 Soviet Union U21 1.

Sept 11 (Edinburgh): Scotland U21 2 (McClair 18, Nevin 44) **West Germany 1** (M. Rummenigge 77 penalty). **(Valkeakoski): Finland U21 1** (Tornvall 59) **Poland U21 0. (Schumen): Bulgaria U21 2** (Zestinski 22 penalty, Stoinov 75) **Rumania U21 0.**

Sept 12 (Zwickau): East Germany B 1 (Gütschow 23) **Greece 0. (Freiberg): East Germany U21 1** (Kirsten 9) **Greece 1** (Adamou 35).

SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA
AUGUST 24

Colombia 1 (Prince)
Argentina 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Elías Jácome (Ecuador).

Colombia: Valencia, Luna, Escobar (sent off 58 minute), Prince, Gomez, Sarmiento, Ricaurte, Ortiz, Córdoba (Ferrer), Valderrama (Viáfara), Herrera.

Argentina: Pumpido, Saporiti (Camino), Ruggeri, Trossero (sent off 81 minute), Garré, Giusti (sent off 58 minute), Ponce (Russo), Bochini, Dertycia (Rinaldi), Burruchaga, Gareca (sent off 87 minute).

SEPTEMBER 19

Uruguay 2 (Aguilera, Salazar)
Peru 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 1,000. **Ref:** Carlos Martins.

Uruguay: Sosa, Montelongo, Vega, Gutierrez, Batista, Barrios, Bossio, Caillava (Salazar), Aguilera, Nadal, R. Sosa (Villareal).

Peru: Gonzalez Ganoza, Rojas, Diaz, Eugenio, Espino, Reyna, Valencia, Cabanillas, La Rosa, Suarez, Oblitas.

SEPTEMBER 18

Mexico 1 (Negrete)
Argentina 1 (Burruchage)
HT: 1-1. **Ref:** Edward Bellion (USA).

Mexico: Heredia, Chavez, Manzo, Cruz, Amador, Zarza (R. Gonzalez), Muñoz, Negrete, Boy (Trejo), Flores (España), Aguirre.

Argentina: Islas, Giusti, Ruggeri, Trossero, Garré, Ponce, Russo, Bochini (Marcico), Trobbiani (Dertycia), Gareca, Burruchaga (Rinaldi).

WORLD YOUTH CUP QUALIFYING

North, Central American and Caribbean zone (in Port of Spain, Trinidad).

Group 1 — August 20: Canada 5 Guatemala 0; El Salvador 2 Cuba 0. August 22 — Guatemala 1 Cuba 1; Canada 0 El Salvador 0. August 24 — Canada 1 Cuba 1; El Salvador 1 Guatemala 0.

Group 2 — August 22: USA 3 Bermuda 0; Honduras 2 Barbados 0. August 24 — Bermuda 6 Barbados 2; Honduras 2 USA 1. (1st round published before).

Group 3 — August 22: Panama 2 Dutch West Indies 1; Guyana 2 Trinidad-Tobago 1. August 24 — Panama 2 Guyana 1; Trinidad-Tobago 2 Dutch West Indies 0. (1st round published before).

Group 4 — August 20: Mexico 3 Costa Rico 1; Haiti 5 Puerto Rico 0. August 22 — Mexico 1 Haiti 0; Costa Rica 8 Puerto Rico 0. August 24 — Mexico 3 Puerto Rico 0; Costa Rica 4 Haiti 2.

First round final standings

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
El Salvador	3	2	1	0	3	0	5
Canada	3	1	2	0	6	1	4
Cuba	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Guatemala	3	0	1	2	1	7	1
Group 2							
Honduras	3	3	0	0	6	3	6
USA	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Bermuda	3	1	0	2	7	7	2
Barbados	3	0	0	3	3	10	0
Group 3							
Trinidad-Tobago	3	2	0	1	6	2	4
Guyana	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Panama	3	2	0	1	4	5	4
Dutch West Indies	3	0	0	3	2	6	0

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Who goes where

PORTUGAL

BELENENSES: Alberto Bastos Lopes II (Benfica), Norton De Matos (Portimonense).

BENFICA: Wando (Braga).

BOAVISTA: Filipovic (Benfica), Jorginho, Simao (both Agueda), Ze Manuel (Salgueiros), Parente (Ac. Coimbra), Phil Walker (Leixoes), Jose Rafael (Farense), Alfredo, Casaca (both Rio Ave), Paulino, Jose Pedro (both Estoril).

BRAGA: Reinaldo (Boavista), Festas (Sporting), Jose Luis (Vasco).

ESPINHO: Freitas (Portimonense).

FARENSE: Fernando Martins (Portimonense).

PORTIMONENSE: Mendes, Dinis (Espinho), Carvalho (Salgueiros), Sloda (Boavista), Julio (Vitoria Guimraes).

PORTO: *Borota* (Portimonense), *Futre* (Sporting Lisbon), Ademar (Maritimo), Andre, Vitoriano (Varzim, Quim (Rio Ave).

SALGUEIROS: Joao Gouvela (Portimonense).

SPORTING LISBON: *Damas* (Portimonense), *Jaime Pachero, Sousa* (both Porto), Oceano (Nacional Madeira), Eldon (Vitoria Guimaraes), Forbes (Peniche).

ACADEMICA COIMBRA: Ribeiro (Salgueiros), Francisco Silva (Vitoria Setubal), Kikas (Sporting), Ralao (Torriense), Artur Semedo (Castelo Branco), Xavier (Estoril), Jorge Alvaro, Antonio Augusto (all Torriense), Toze (Rip Ave), Flavio (Vitoria Guimaraes).

RUMANIA

ASA TIRGU MURES: Fodor (Steaua).

BAIA MARE: Nemteanu (Dinamo Bucharest), Pinter (Steaua).

DINAMO BUCHAREST: Suciu (Un, Cluj-Napoca), Vlad, Stredie (both Corvinul), Tulba (Baia Mare).

FC OLT: M. Zamfir (Arges), Turcu (Steaua).

GLORIA BUZAU: *Dudu Georgescu* (Bacau), Stata (FC Olt).

RAPID: Cirlan (Petrolul Ploesti).

SPORTFUL STUDENTESC: Bozesan (Pol. Timisoara).

STEAUA: Radu, Bumbescu (FC Olt), *Bölöni* (ASA Tirgu Mures), Barbulescu (Petrolul Ploesti).

SCOTLAND

ABERDEEN: McDougall (St Mirren), McQueen (Clyde).

CELTIC: McInally (Ayr).

DUMBARTON: McCahill (Greenock).

DUNDEE: McCormack (St Mirren), John Brown (Hamilton), Connor (Ayr), Rafferty (Motherwell).

DUNDEE UTD: Beedie (St Johnstone), Thomsen (St Mirren).

HEARTS: Black (Motherwell), Downie (Aberdeen), Whittaker (Celtic).

MORTON: Kelly (Dundee), Boag (Aberdeen), Dunlop (Partick), McClug (Kilmarnock), O'Hara (Partick).

RANGERS: Ferguson (Dundee), Fraser (Dundee).

ST MIRREN: Gallagher (Kilmarnock), Rooney (Morton), Mackie (Dundee), Stewart (Rangers).

SPAIN

ATHLETIC BILBAO: Arrien (Salamanca).

BARCELONA: *Archibald* (Tottenham), Estella (Mallorca), *Salva* (Zaragoza), Candido (Osasuna).

BETIS: Carmelo, Romo (Recreativo), Valdo (Granada).

ELCHE: Burguena (Malaga), Julio (Real Madrid), Morgado (Zaragoza), *Caballero* (Sporting Cristal).

ESPANOL: Pineda (Auxerre).

HERCULES: *Velasquez* (Alianza Lima), Abel (Gijon).

MALAGA: Tello (Granada), Micanovic (Salamanca), Sessolo (Servette).

OSASUNA: Perez Aguerri (Salamanca).

REAL MADRID: *Valdano* (Zaragoza).

SANTANDER: Gelucho (Calvo Sotelo), Victor (Tarragona).

SEVILLA: Quique (Oviedo), Peirano (Penarol).

SPORTING GIJON: Bernardo (Real Madrid).

VALENCIA: *Cabrera* (Millionarios Bogota).

VALLADOLID: Gilberto (Tenerife), Francis (Castilla).

ZARAGOZA: Cedrun (Bilbao), Casajus (Cadiz), Cholo (Castilla).

SWITZERLAND

AARAU: Küng (Vevey), Zwahlan (Lugano), Zahner (Zug), Fregno (Wettingen), Iselin (Zurich).

BASEL: Van Kraay (Waterschei), Feigenwinter (Nordstern).

CHAUX DE FONDS: Zwygart (Xamax).

GRASSHOPPERS: Lauscher (Luzern), Müller (Aarau), Sampedro (Renens).

LAUSANNE; *Sunesson* (Malmö), Bissig (Martiny), Brodard (Young Boys), Geiger (Vevey), Marchand (Grasshoppers), *Zappa* (Zurich).

LUZERN: Bernaschina (Chiasso), Hegi (Aarau).

NEUCHATEL XAMAX: Elsener (Zurich), Jacobacci (Vevey).

SERVETTE: *Favre* (Toulouse), Kok (Lausanne).

SION: Bouderbala (Casablanca), Mauron (Lausanne), Moret (Martigny), Sarrasin (Xamax).

ST GALLEN: Zwicker (Lausanne/Bregenz), *Jurkemik* (Inter Bratislava), Signer (Young Boys).

VEVEY; *Chapuisat* (Lausanne), Schürmann (Chiasso), Cacciapaglia (Servette), Sengör (St Gallen).

WETTINGEN: Brügger (Zug), Hächler (Zug), Michelberger (Offenbach), Roth (Winterthur), Mustapha (Xamax).

WINTERTHUR: Bevilacqua (Bellinzona), Franz (Vevey).

YOUNG BOYS: Schmied (Biel), Bamert (Lausanne), *Bregy* (Sion).

ZUG: Killmaier (Nordstern), Batardon, Crescenzi (both Lausanne), Rufer, Käser (Lugano), Meier (Grasshoppers), Stadelmann (Wettingen).

ZURICH: Kraus (Bayern Munich).

TURKEY

FENERBAHCE: Pesic (Hadjuk Split).

GALATASARAY: *Simovic* (Hajduk Split), Abramczik (Nürnberg), Erdal Keser (Borrusia Dortmund).

WEST GERMANY

ARMINIA BIELEFELD: Pater (Bochum), Reich (B. Dortmund), Foda (Kaiserslautern).

BOCHUM: Bönighausen (B. Dortmund), Tenhagen (B. Dortmund), *Fischer* (Köln).

BAYER LEVERKUSEN: Schreier (Bochum), Reinhardt (Nürnberg), Hinterberger (Fortuna Köln), Giske (Nürnberg), *Schlegel Götz* (Dynamo East Berlin — suspended until November).

BAYER URDINGEN: Gudmundsson (Waterschei), Wöhrlin (Freiburg), Funkel (Oberhausen).

BAYERN MUNICH: *Matthäus* (Borussia Mg),

Group 4

Mexico	3	3	0	0	7	1	6
Costa Rica	3	2	0	1	13	5	4
Haiti	3	1	0	2	7	5	2
Puerto Rico	3	0	0	3	0	16	0

(Top two in each group qualify for quarter-finals).

Quarter-finals — Group A: August 26: Trinidad-Tobago 0 Costa Rica 0. August 27: USA 1 El Salvador 1. August 28: USA 0 Costa Rica 0. September 2: El Salvador 2 Costa Rica 0. September 3: USA 1 Trinidad-Tobago 0. August 31: Trinidad-Tobago 1 El Salvador 1.

Group B — August 26: Canada 2 Honduras 0. August 27: Mexico 2 Guyana 0. August 31: Mexico 1 Canada 1. August 28: Honduras 2 Guyana 0. September 2: Canada 2 Guyana 0. September 3: Mexico 3 Honduras 0.

Semi-final group final standings

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
El Salvador	3	1	2	0	4	2	4
USA	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
Trinidad-Tobago	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Costa Rica	3	0	2	1	0	2	2
Group B							
Mexico	3	2	1	0	5	1	5
Canada	3	2	1	0	5	1	5
Honduras	3	1	0	2	2	4	2
Guyana	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

(Top two of each group qualify for semi-finals).

Semi-finals (September 5): Canada 1 El Salvador 0 (a.e.t.); Mexico 1 USA 0. Canada and Mexico qualify for World Youth Cup finals in Chile next year.

Willmer (Köln), Eder (Nürnberg), *Wohlfarth* (MSV Duisberg).

BORUSSIA DORTMUND: Pagelsdorf (Arminia), *Egli* (Grasshoppers), Schüler (Karlsruhe), Wehmann (RW Essen).

BORUSSIA MÖCHENGLADBACH: Krisp (Alemmania Aachen).

EINTRACHT BWG; Gorski (Hannover).

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT: Kwiecin (Stal Mielec).

FORTUNA D'DORF: Greiner (TeBe), Grabotin (Al. Aachen), Fleer (Borrusia Mg), Hasse Holmqvist (Hammarby).

HAMBURG: *McGhee* (Aberdeen), Soler (Lillestrom).

KAISERSLAUTERN: Ehrmann (Köln), Bold (Zurich), Trunk (Nürnberg).

KARLSRUHE: Löw (Freiburg), Glückler (Stuttgart), Mitrovic (OFK Belgrade).

KÖLN: Hartwig (Hamburg), Geils (Arminia), Bein (Kickers Offenbach).

SCHALKE: *Schatzschmeider* (Hamburg), Kleppinger (Karlsrune), *Memering* (Bordeaux).

STUTTGART: *Claesen* (Seraing), Klinsmann (Stuttgart Kickers).

WALDHOF MANNHEIM: Rombach (Al. Aachen), Heck (Nürnberg).

YUGOSLAVIA

BUDUCNOST: Zekic (OFK), R. Savis (Red Star), Zalad (Partizan).

DINAMO VINKOVICE: Grabo (Zeljeznicar), Zahirovic (Sloboda), Urocevic (Radnicki), Cvinosic (Dinamo Zagreb).

DINAMO ZAGREB: M. Petrovic (Olimpia), Stojic (Partizan), Deko, Lulic (both Osijek), Cvjetkovic (Sloboda), Zjago (Iskra), Rumora (Dinamo Vin.).

HAJDUK SPLIT: *Deveric* (Dinamo Zagreb), Bakrac (Buducnost), Macan (Dinamo Vin.).

ISKRA: Stoijmenovic (Partizan).

PARTIZAN: Marjanovic (Rijeka), Omerovic (Sloboda), Vucicevic (OFK), Belojevic (Olimpia), Miodrag Bajovic (Sutjeska).

PRISTINA: Salja (Partizan), Zaveli (Rijeka).

RADNICKI: Dragon Pantelic (Timor, prev. Bordeaux).

RED STAR (Crvena Zvezda): Ivanovic (OFK), *Halilovic* (Dinamo Vin.), Ljukovcan (Buducnost), Krcevic (Sloboda).

RIJEKA: Sredojevic (Borac Banjaluca), Kahrovic (OFK).

SLOBODA: Radevic (Olimpia).

SUTJESKA: Bijic (OFK), Radovanovic, Durovic (both Red Star), Popovic (Sloboda), Mrstic (Dinamo Vin.).

VARDAR SKOPJE: Zivanovic (Red Star).

OTHER MAJOR INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

August 24 — Ecuador Select 1 Sporting Cristal (Peru) 0. September 5 — Independiente Medellin (Colombia) 0 Venezuela Select 0.

CHAMPIONS' CUP

First round, first legs — all Sept 19

Aberdeen 2 (Black 32, 67)
Dynamo E. Berlin 1 (Schulz 82)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 21,500. **Ref:** Van Langenhove (Bel).

Aberdeen: Leighton — McKimmie, McQueen, Stark, McLeish, Miller, Bell (Simpson 88), Hewitt (Falconer 64), Black, Cooper, Angus.

Dynamo: Rudwaleit — Ksienzyk, Trieloff, Backs, Rohde, Troppa, Schulz, Maeck, Pastor (Grether 78), Ernst (Terletzki 73), Thom.

Akranes IA 2 (K. Thordarsson 73, Hakonarsson 80)
Beveren 2 (Albert 53, Christians 54)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,400. **Ref:** Poucher (NI).

Akranes: Sigurdsson — G. Thordarsson, Halldorsson (Omarsson 73), Larusson, Axelsson — K. Thordarsson, Hakonarsson, Trygvarsson, Sveinsson — Jonsson, Johansson.

Beveren: De Wilde — Gorez, Pfaff, Lubbers, Baecke — Stolmans, Schoenberger, Theunis (Peeraer 63) — Creve, Christians, Albert.

Avenir Beggen 0
IFK Gothenberg 8 (Carlsson 5, 62, Nilsson 21, 47, 76, Fredriksson 23, 71 pen, Andersson 81)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Lund-Sorensen (Den).

Bordeaux 3 (Müller 29, Battiston 61, Lacombe 80)
Athletic Bilbao 2 (Endika 31, Salinas 70)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 32,500. **Ref:** Casarin (It).

Bordeaux: Dropsy — Thouvenel, Specht, Battiston, Rohr (Lassagne 87) — Girard, Martinez, Tussea, Giresse — Lacombe, Müller.

Bilbao: Zubizarreta — Urquiaga, Goicoechea, Liceranzu, Nunez — De Andres, Gallego, Urtubi, Endika — Noriega (Sarabia 63), J. Salinas (Dani 78).

Dinamo Bucharest 4 (Orac 25, 35, Tulba 28, Talnar 33)
Omonia Nicosia 1 (Savidis 17)
HT: 4-1. **Att:** 17,000. **Ref:** Ilijevski (Yug).

Dinamo: Moraru — Rednic, Movila, I. Marin, Stanescu (Vlad 40) — Talnar, Dragnea, Suciu, Orac — Augustin, Tulba.

Omonia: Haritu — Iakovu, Grigoriou, Klitos, Patikis — Philipos, Tsikos, Savvidis — Philippou, Kandilos, Kanaris.

FK Austria 4 (Prohaska 18, Polster 25, Drabits 44, 47)
Valletta 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Koster (Lux).

FK Austria: Koncilia (Wohlfarth 64) — Sara, Obermayer, Daxbacher, Degiorgi — Prohaska, Baumeister, Törmer (Dihanich 80) — Polster, Drabits, Nyilasi.

Valletta: Mifsud — Briffa, Curmi, Buckingham, Hili, Grioli, Seychell, Emm. Farrugia, J. Curmi (Bezzina), Fenech (Zammit), L. Farrugia.

Feyenoord 0
Panathinaikos 0
Att: 25,000. **Ref:** Midgley (Eng).

Feyenoord: Hiele — Drost, Nielsen, Van der Korput, Wijnstekers — Hoekstra (Rep 66), Stafleu, Been — Gullit, Houtman (Duut 86), Petursson.

Panathinaikos: Lafstis — Domtas, Kirastas, Vonortas, Tarasis — Livanthinos, Zajec (Dimopoulos 89), Rocha, Antoniou — Saravakos, Mavridis.

Grasshoppers 3 (Jara 31, Martin Müller 68, 72)
Honved 1 (Dajka 30)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 6,500. **Ref:** Pes Perez (Sp).

Grasshoppers: Brunner — In-Albon, Wehrli, Rueda, Schällibaum — Koller, Hermann, Jara — Müller, Ponte, Lauscher.

Honved: Andrusch — Sallai, Nagy, Garaba, Varga (Dozsa 82) — Detari, Sikesdi, Toth — Bodonyi, Dajka (Kovacs 82), Esterhazy.

Ilves 0
Juventus 4 (Rossi 1, 84, 88, Platini 44 pen)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 24,073. **Ref:** Harryson (Swe).

Ilves: Malinen — Uimonen, Rasanen (Ojola 63), Wecklin, Kuuluvainen, Lemivaara, Vidgren, Pirinen (Heino 77), Hjelm, Bellfield, Ninimaki.

Juventus: Tacconi — Favero, Cabrini, Bonini, Pioli, Scirea, Briaschi (Caricola 84), Tardelli (Limido 69), Rossi, Platini, Boniek.

Labinoti 0
Lyngby 3 (Vilmar 52, Stenesburg 62, Shefer 80)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Nemeth (Hun).

Labinoti: Gogunja — Arapi, Lleshi, Deliu, Rama — Popa, Mustafaraj (Luniku 77), Tafani, Asilani — Bega (Branica 37), Agalliu.

Lyngby: H. Kristensen — Olzik, Larsen, Sorensen, Petersen — Helt, B. Kristensen, Shaefer, Spangsborg (Kristofersen 67) — F. Kristensen, Vilmar (Lyng 83).

Lech Poznan 0
Liverpool 1 (Wark 62)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Johansson (Swe).

Lech: Plesnierowicz — Pawlak, Lukasik, Adamiec, Barczak, Jakolcewicz (Bak 54), Stroinski (Lazarek 70), Kofnyt, Niewiadomski, Okonski, Araszkiewicz.

Liverpool: Grobbelaar — Neal, Kennedy, Lawrenson, Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Walsh, Wark, Nicol.

Levsky Spartak 1 (Kurdov 64)
Stuttgart 1 (Reichert 62)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 31,500. **Ref:** Hackett (Eng).

Levsky: Mihailov — Nikolov, Balevski, Iliev, Petrov — Chavdarov, Velev, Spassov — Kurdov, Valchev, Kashmerov (Baichev 55).

Stuttgart: Roleder — Schäffer, Makan, Feyl, Müller — Kempe, Briem, Klinsmann (Lorch 80), Allgöwer — Reichert, Claesen.

Linfield 0
Shamrock Rovers 0
Att: 5,000. **Ref:** Syme (Sc).

Linfield: Dunlop — Garrett, Crawford, Dornan, Gibson, Jeffrey, Sloan, Doherty, McGaughey, Murray, Anderson.

Shamrock: J. Byrne — Neville, Coady, Keely, McDonagh, P. Byrne, O'Brien, McGee, M. O'Brien, King, Kenny.

Red Star Belgrade 3 (Janjanin 57 pen, 77 pen, 78)
Benfica 2 (Elzner own goal 27, Diamantino 42)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 85,000. **Ref:** Daina (Swz).

Red Star: Ivkovic — Elzner, Jankovic (Janjanin 46), Miletovic, Krivokapic, Krdjevic — Sestic, Krmpotic, Mrkela (B. Durovski 66) — Nikolic, Halilovic.

Benfica: Bento — Pietra, Oliveira, Bastos Lopes, Alvaro — Jose Luis (Jorge Silva 82), Carlos Manuel, Sheu, Wando (Toze 82) — Diamantino, Manniche.

Trabzonspor 1 (Lemi 8)
Dniepr 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Krchnak (Cz).

Trabzonspor: Senol — Turgay, Necati, Kemal, K. Senol — Osman, Güngor, K. Hasan — B. Hasan (Bahattin), Tuncay, Lemi.

Dniepr: Krakovski — Bashkirov, Vinshensky, Pushkov, Lisenko — Bagmut, Dirai, Litovchenko, Kuznetsov — Protasov, Taran.

Valerengen 3 (Pal Jacobsen 40, 89, Bergsvand 81)
Sparta Praha 3 (Prochazka 22, 49, Chovanec 42)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Bjornsson (Ice).

Valerengen: Medias — Bredesen, Sollied (Fredheim 80), Austmo, Mordt — Leberg (Bjarnoy 60), Johansen, Davidsen, Nilsen — Pal Jacobsen, Bergsvand.

Sparta: Stejskal — Bielik (Drahokoupil 46), Chovanec, Straka, Beznoska — Calta, Lavicka, Scasny — Denk, Griga, Prochazka.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

First round, first leg — Sept 19 unless stated

Rapid Vienna 4 (Panenka 14 pen, 56, 66 pen, Brucic 25)
Besiktas 1 (Kovacevic 13)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** D'Elia (It). Sept 18.

Rapid: Feurer — Lainer, Kienast, Weber, Pregesbauer — Panenka, Brucic, Brauneder (Weinhofer) — Kranjcar, Krankl, Pacult.

Besiktas: Zafer — Ulvi, Haluk, Samet, Kadir — Riza (sent off 60), Metin (Ali), Fikret (Feyyaz) — Necdet, Kovacevic, Sekerbegovic.

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Apoel Nicosia 0
Servette 3 (Decastel 40, Brigger 79, Favre 84)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 11,250. **Ref:** Nesu (Rum).
Apoel: Stavro — Hadjitomas, N. Pantairas, P. Pantairas, Miamiliotis — Cassidy, Maragos, Ioannou — Ioannides (Tilianu 40), Moores, Kleanthous (Charalámbous 57).
Servette: Burgener — Hasler, Renquin, Geiger, Dutoit (Castella 85) — Schnyder, Barberis, Favre, Decastel — Brigger, Kok (Elia 87).

Ballymena 0
Hamrun Spartans 1 (Raymond Xuereb 19)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,800. **Ref:** Worrall (Eng).
Ballymena: Hutchinson — McCreery, Fox, Harrison, Crockard, Buchanan, Smyth, Sloan, O'Neill, Campbell, McAllister.
Hamrun: Zammit — Farrugia, Alex Azzopardi, George Xuereb, Grech, Alfred Azzopardi, Rafalo, Robertson, Stegner, Raymond Xuereb, Degiorgio.

Bayern Munich 4 (Pflügler 31, 55, Wohlfarth 69, Nachtweih 77)
Moss 1 (Kollshaugen 2)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 9,200. **Ref:** Czemarmazowicz (Pol).
Bayern: Aumann — Dürnberger, Augenthaler, Eder, Pflügler — Del'Haye, Matthäus (sent off 38), Nachtweih — Rummenigge (Grünwald), Wohlfarth, Kögl.
Moss: Eriksen — Gjestrumbakken, Aas, Tangen, Grondalen — Heliasz, Grönstadt, Kristiansen (Gregersen 54) — Henaes, Kollshaugen, Johannessen (Raffen 46).

Dynamo Moscow 1 (Argudiev 9)
Hajduk Split 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Agnolin (It).
Dynamo: Prudnikov — Bulanov, Novikov, Fomishev, Galonvia, Khapsalis, Ataulin, Pudishev, Argudayev (Molotsov 86), Karatayev, Gazzayev.
Hajduk: Pudar — Spanjic, Drazic, Gudelj, Andrijasevic, Celic, Zlatko Vujovic (Bucan 77), Salov, Zoran Vujovic, Asanovic, Prekazi (Macan 79).

Gent 1 (Cordiez 73)
Celtic 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 22,500. **Ref:** Da Silva (Por).
Gent: Lauryssen — Busk, Criel, Hansens, De Wolf, Ruzic, Cordiez, Quipor, Schaapendonk, Van Looy, Martens.
Celtic: Bonner — McAdam, Aitken, Reid, McGrain, Grant, Colquhoun, McStay, McClair, McGarvey, Burns.

Inter Bratislava 2 (Brezik 42, Moravec 65)
Kuuysi Lahti 1 (Tornvall 4)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 2,100. **Ref:** Zhezhov (Bul).
Inter: Maluniak — Krupcik, Barmos, Sebo, Fieber — Konik, Michalec (Tomcak 33), Ducky — Moravec (Lehnert 88), Brezik.
Kuuysi: Korhonen — Hännikeinen, Mitchell, Kumpulainen (Kaivonurmi 37), Remes — Rinne, Pekonen, Törnvall (sent off), Talvio — Lius (Kouse 65), Armstrong.

KB Copenhagen 0
Fortuna Sittard 0
Att: 1,900. **Ref:** Stumpf (EG).
KB: Qvist — Henrik Hansen, Busk, Piechnik, Garly (Vindfeld 70), Thomarsson, Petersen, Vosgaard, R. Hansen, Schöne (Sparring 57), Terkelsen.
Fortuna: Van Herren — Maessen, Dekker, Koevermans, Boessen — Suvryn, Hoyer, Reyners, Ruys — Van Well (Evers 46), Holverda.

Malmö FF 2 (Mats Magnusson 44, 64)
Dynamo Dresden 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,300. **Ref:** Mushkovets (SU).
Malmö: Möller — Arvidsson, Andersson, Jonsson, Erlandsson — Rönnberg, Nilsson, Borg, Persson — Palmer, Magnusson (Eminovski 87).
Dresden: Jakubowski — Trautmann, Dörner, Schmuck, Döschner, Häfner, Pilz, Stübner, Gütschow (Kirsten 77), Minge, Lippmann.

Metz 2 (Kurbos 44, Rohr 87 pen)
Barcelona 4 (Sonor own goal 12, Schuster 47, Calderer 53, Carrasco 64)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Keizer (Hol).
Metz: Ettore — Sonor, Colombo (Lowitz 62), Zappia, Barraja — Bracigliano, Rohr, Bernad, Kurbos — Bocande, Hinschberger (Deza 78).
Barcelona: Urruti — Sanchez, Julio Alberto, Alesanco, Moratalla — Victor, Schuster, Calderer — Rojo, Archibald, Carrasco.

Roma 1 (Graziani 73)
Steaua Bucharest 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 24,918. **Ref:** Wyrtz (Fr).
Roma: Tancredi — Oddi, Righetti, Buriani, Nela, Maldera, Conti, Cerezo, Pruzzo (Iorio 68), Giannini (Chierico 56), Graziani.
Steaua: Ducadam — Laurentiu, Eduard, Bumbescu, Tataran, Jovan, Lacatus, Pectu (Balint 81), Puscas, Majaru (Radu II 86), Pitzurca.

Siofok 1 (Teiber 68)
Larissa 1 (Adamcik 29)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,500. **Ref:** Karolak (Pol).
Siofok: Horvath II — Brettner, Onhausz (Pardavi 46), Viragh — Kiss (Szajc 75), Takacs, Bodi, Olajos — Tieber, Horvath I, Jankovics.
Larissa: Plitsis — Parafestas, Mitsibonous, Galitsios, Patsiavouros — Siogas (Kirilidis 81), Andreadis, Kmiecik, Vutsiristos — Adamczik, Valahoros (Rigos 75).

Trakia Plovdiv 4 (Pashev 43, Stojnov 63, Georgiev 69, Kostadinov 77 pen)
Union Luxembourg 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Kula (Alb).
Trakia: Vichev — Dinev (Georgiev 37), Mladenov, Ivanov, Horozov — Bakalov, Kostadinov, Simov, Pechlivanov (Stojnov 46), Zhekhtinski, Pashev.
Union: Novak — Schmidt (Bremer 82), Lochen, Shonkert, Delhaft (Heimisch), L. Feiereisen, Tines, Scheitler, Braun, Glimberger (Lamas 71).

University College Dublin 0
Everton 0
Att: 9,750. **Ref:** Cooper (Wal).
Un. College: O'Neill — Lawlor, O'Doherty, Dunning, Moran, Gaffney, Dignam, Roche, Murphy, Cullen, Hanrahan.
Everton: Southall — Stevens, Mountfield, Ratcliffe, Bailey, Steven, Reid, Bracewell, Sheedy, Sharp, Heath.

Wisla Krakow 4 (Wrobel 9, Nawalka 20, Banaszkiewicz 31, 67)
IB Vestmannaeiyar 2 (Elliasson 40, Georgsson 44 pen)
HT: 3-2. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Peschel (EG).
Wisla: Zajda — Nawrocki, Budka, Skrobowski, Krupinski — Lipka, Jalocha, Nawalka — Banaszkiewicz, Swierczewski (Giszka 82), Wrobel.
IBV: H. Palsson — Einarsson, Frioriksson, Hallgrimsson, Arnersson — T. Palsson (Stefansson 66), Eliasson, Georgsson — Svavarsson, Porleifsson, Augustsson.

Wrexham 1 (Steel 77)
FC Porto 0
HT: 0-0. **4,935. Ref:** Cruoke (Bel).
Wrexham: Parker — King, Cunnington, Salachiel, Keay, Wright, Williams (Muldoon 71), Horne, Steel, Gregory, Rogers.
Porto: Borota — Joao Pinto, Inacio, Eduardo Luis, Eurico, Magalhaes (Ademar 46), Frasco, Quim, Gomes, Futre (Walsh 71), Vermelhinho.

UEFA CUP

First round, first legs — Sept 19 unless stated

AIK Stockholm 1 (Thomas Andersson 13)
Dundee Utd 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,721. **Ref:** Roth (WG).

Anderlecht 1 (Czerniatynski 88)
Werder Bremen 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Butenko (SU).
Anderlecht: Munaron — Peruzovic, Grun (Frimann 84), Scifo, De Groote, Vercauteren, Vandereycken, Hofkens (De Greef 46), Gudjohnsen, M. Olsen, Czerniatynski.
Werder: Burdenski — Schaaf (Hermann 82), Otten, Kutzop, Pezzey, Möhlmann, Sidka, Okudera, Völler, Neubarth (Siegmann 89), Meier.

Betis 1 (Suarez 78)
Universitatea Craiova 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Vautrot (Fr).
Betis: Esnaola — Diego (Calleja 72), Alex, Mantilla, Gordillo — Ortega (Valdo 58), Parra, Suarez, Cardenosa — Rincon, Paco.
Craiova: Lung — Negrila, Irimescu, Stefanescu, Ungureanu — Ticleanu (Beldeanu 22), A. Popescu, Bicu — Geolgau, Camataru, Cirtu (O. Popescu 71).

Bohemians Praha 6 (Micinec 24, 28, 65, Janecka 33, 54 pen, Hruska 86)
Apollon 1 (Jenkins 73)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Hartman (Hun).
Bohemians: Zd. Hruska — Jakubec, Prokes, Ondra (Marcik 71), Kukucka — Levy, Zelensky (Sloup 46), Koukal — Janecka, Micinec, V. Hruska.
Apollon: Dambres — Pierris (Ermegeneus 10), Stylianou, Zittis — Efrem, Viangoudakis, Ioannou, Kenny — Jenkins, Kisonergis (Agas 59).

Dukla Banska Bystrica 2 (Nemec 30, 65 pen)
Borussia Mg 3 (Hochstätter 25, Criens 71, Lienen 79)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** Frickmann (Den).
Duckla B/B: Mentel — Kinier, Oboril, Bagin — Targos (Lackovic 81), Vrto, Kocian (Dina 31), Takac — Majzlik, Miskuf, Nemec.
Borussia: Sude — Krauss, Bruns, Drehsen (Frontzek 37), Borowka — Rahn, Herbst, Hochstätter, Lienen — Mill (Krisp 81), Criens.

Dynamo Minsk 4 (Kondratiev 23, 28, 39, Shalimo 60)
HJK Helsinki 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 32,000. **Ref:** Streng (Rum).
Minsk: Shekyo — Borovski, Shalimo, Yanushevki (Trukhan 61), Shishkin, Zigmantovich, Gotsmanov, Kisten (Melinikov 27), Aleinikov, Sokol, Kondratiev.
HJK: Palmroos — Kokko, Osgood, Holmgren, Niemi, Linna (Suchkov 61), Valla (Kanerva 72), Dahllund, Jaakonsaari, Parikka, Ismail.

Fenerbahce 0
Fiorentina 1 (Pecci 18)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 8,750. **Ref:** Yushka (SU).
Fenerbahce: Yasar — Ismail, Sedat, Abdulkerim, Cem, Onder, Pesic, Mujdat (Huseyin 63), Senol, Ilyas, Repcic.
Fiorentina: Galli — Ochipinti, Gentile, Oriali, Moz, Pazzarella, Mazzaro, Socraties (Carobbi 89), Monell (Pellegrini 83), Pecci, Iachini.

Köln 2 (Engels 52, Littbarski 76)
Pogon Szczecin 1 (Haas own goal 35)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Borg (Mal).
Köln: Schumacher — Hönerbach, Lefkes, Hartwig — Lehnhoff, Reif (Hartmann 46), Haas (Bein 62), Engels, Gielchen — Littbarski, Allofs.
Pogon: Szczech — Ostrowski, Makowski, Sokolowski — Kuras, Kensy, Duchowski (Miazek 74), Hawrylewicz, Urbanowicz — Turowski, Lesniak.

Lokomotiv Leipzig 7 (Zötzsche 17 pen, 54 pen, Lindner 69, Baum 44, Köhn 78, 84, 86?)
Lillestrom 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Latzin (Aus).
Lok: Müller — Treske, Baum, Kreer, Zötzsche — Bredow (Schöne 73), Moldt, Lindner, Liebers — Kühn, Marschall.
Lillestrom: Amundsen — Smedas, Dyrstad, Bjerkeland, Stordahl — B. Erlandsen, Vaadal, Forsness (A. Erlandsen 61) — Richardson, Opseth (Hammer 46).

Manchester Utd 3 (Robson 17, Muhren 37, Hughes 74)
Györ 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 32,537. **Ref:** Santos (Por).
Man. Utd: Bailey — Duxbury, Albiston, Moses, Moran, Hogg, Robson, Muhren, Hughes, Whiteside, Olsen.
Györ: Kovacs — Turbek, Judik, Hlagyvic, Hannich, Czepessy, Szabo, Preczeller, Staek, Curuca, Vagi (Szentes 72).

Monaco 2 (Gengyini 8, 19)
CSKA Sofia 2 (Slavkov 14, Markov 16)
HT: 2-2. **Att:** 18,307. **Ref:** Soriano Aladren (Sp).
Monaco: Stambouli — Puel, Le Roux, Simon, Amoros — Stojkovic (Lopez 60), Benolt, Genghini — Bravo, Anziani, Bellone.
CSKA: Velinov — N. Mladenov, Bezinski, Zdravkov, Tinchev (Tomanov 71) — G. Dimitrov, Markov, Tinchev II — Tanev, Slavkov (Y. Dimitrov 73), S. Mladenov.

Nottm Forest 0
Brugge 0
Att: 18,307. **Ref:** Föckler (WG).
Forest: Sutton — Gunn, Swain, Fairclough, Smalley, Bowyer, Wigley, Metgod, Christie (Mills), Davenport, Walsh.
Brugge: Jensen — Tew, Franky Van der Elst, Broos, Maes — Ceulemans, Verheyen, Querter — Wellens, De Grijze, Leo Van der Elst.

OB 1 (Utoft 17)
Spartak Moscow 5 (Gavrilov 26, Sidorov 43, Shavlo 57, Rodionov 59, Kuznetsov 64)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 3,300. **Ref:** Van Ettekoven (Hol).
OB: Hogh — T. Nielsen, B. Hansen, Klaesen, Egenbrod, Ziegler (Margard 64), Moseby, A. Hansen, B. Nielsen, Utoft, Bordingaard (A. Nielsen 73).
Spartak: Dassayev — Sochnov, Pozdnyakov (Shilighin 70), Sidorov, Bubnov, Shavlo, Kuznetsov, Morozov, Gavrilov, Cherenkov, Rodionov (Adzhoev 70).

Olympiakos Piraeus 1 (Mitropoulos 2)
Neuchatel Xamax 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 62,500. **Ref:** Kuznetsov (SU).
Olympiakos: Sarganis — Xanthopoulos, Michos, Papadopoulos, Vamvakoulas — Albersten, Mitropoulos, Persias — Welzl (Lemonis 65), Anastopoulos, Kokolakis (Kusulakis 46).
Xamax: Engel — Salvi, Givens, Tacchella, Bianchi — Mata, Thevanez (Léger 72), Perret — Elsener (Mottiez 65), Lüthi, Zaugg.

Osters Vaxjo 0
Linzer ASK 1 (Höld)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 518. **Ref:** Stiegler (Cz).

Paris Saint-Germain 4 (Susic 22, 57, Rocheteau 36, Niederbacher 62)
Hearts 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Sostaric (Yug).
Paris: Baratelli — Lemoult, Janvion, Bathenay, Jeannol (Bacconier 70) — Fernandez, Susic, Couriol — Rocheteau (Lanthier 75), Toko, Niederbacher.
Hearts: Smith — Black, Jardine, Kidd, Whittaker — Levein, Bowman, Mackay — Bone, Robertson, McDonald (Johnson 60).

Real Madrid 5 (Michel 2, 58, Santillana 6, Juanito 51 pen, Butragueno 54)
SSW Innsbruck 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG).
Madrid: Miguel Angel — Chendo, Stielike, Bonet, Camacho — San Jose, Lozano, Michel — Juanito, Santillana (Isidro 40), Butragueno (Gallego 72).
Innsbruck: Steinlechner — Streiter, Auer, Hovenkamp, Jorgensen (Hupauf 61) — Kereki, Gretschnig, Koreimann, Linzmaier — Roscher, Spielmann (Gröss 74).

Sion 1 (Cina 75)
Atletico Madrid 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,500. **Ref:** Schmidhubner (WG).
Sion: Pittier — J. Y. Valentini, L. Karlen, Balet, Fournier — Moret, Lopez, Bonvin — Sarrasin (Perrier 24), Mauron, Cina.
Atletico: Pereira — Votava, Arteche, Balbino, Ruiz, Tomas — Marina, Landaburu (Rubio 63), Quique — Pedraza, Sanchez.

Sliven 1 (Demirev 89)
Zeljeznicar 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 9,000. **Ref:** Reznicek (Cz).
Sliven: Yorgov — Prodanov, Arabov, Kenev, Hristov, Rasev, Salamanov (Kelepov 60), Vichev (Metodiev 72), Simeonov, Dobrev, Demirov.
Zeljeznicar: Skrba — Derjan, Baljic, Skaro, Sabanadovic, Cilic, Bahtic, Odovic, Curic (Samardzija 56), Bazdarevic, Nikic.

Southampton 0
Hamburg 0
Att: 19,000. **Ref:** Schoeters (Bel).
Southampton: Shilton — Mills, Dennis, Williams, Whitlock, Wright, Holmes, Curtis (Moran 46), Jordan, Armstrong, Wallace.
Hamburg: Stein — Kaltz, Wehmeyer, Jakobs, Groh, Milewski, Soler, McGhee, Magath, Rolff, Schröder.

Sporting Braga 0
Tottenham 3 (Falco 31, 42, Galvin 44)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Biguet (Fr).
Braga: Helder — Dito, Artur, Nelito, Victor Santos, Serra (Quim Alberto 67), Spencer, Zinho, Rifa (Reinaldo 63), Jorge Gomes, Jose Abrantes.
Tottenham: Clemence — Perryman, Miller, Roberts, Hughton, Mabbutt, Hazard (Thomas 83), Galvin, Allen (Crooks 83), Falco, Chiedozie.

Sporting Lisbon 2 (Manuel Fernandez 54, Jaime Pacheco 80)
Auxerre 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 50,250. **Ref:** Losert (Aus).
Sporting: Damas — Carlos Xavier, Oceano, Venancio, Mario Jorge — Virgilio, Sousa (Litos 71), Jaime Pacheco — Lito, Manuel Fernandez, Jordao (Eldon 68).
Auxerre: Bats — Charles, Boli, Janas, Barret — Cuperly, Fiard, Ferreri — Danio, Garande, Szarmach.

Valladolid 1 (Da Silva 66)
Rijeka 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Bergamo (It).
Valladolid: Fenoy — Aracil, Francis, Garcia Navajas, Martin Saez (Minguela 46) — Eusebio (Duque 67), Jorge, More, Sanchez Valles — Da Silva, Yanez.
Rijeka: Ravnic — Malbasa, Krstic, Juricic, Radin, Sredojevic, Kahrovic (Stevanovic 66), Gracan, Matrjan (Radanovid 78), Fegic, Desnica.

Vorwärts 2 (Hendel 7, Pietsch 62)
PSV Eindhoven 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Konrath (Fr).
Vorwärts: Wienhold — Hildebrand, Hause, Geyer — D. Rudolph, Jarmuskiewicz (Probst 87), N. Rudolph, Hendel — Wunderlich, Pietsch, Kuhlee (Enzmann 80).
PSV: Van Breukelen — Wildschut, Brandts, Hysen, Heintze — Lokhoff, W. Van de Kerkhof, Valde, Van Rooy (Corbijn 70) — Brylle, Smulders (Van de Boogaard 82).

Rabat Ajax 0
Partizan Belgrade 2 (Vucicevic 63, Delmas 70)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Baumann (Swz). Played Sept. 12.
Rabat: Filipov — Asciag, J. Zahra, Borg, Cortis, Sceruna, Scerry, Busuttil, M. Zahra, Garrvana, Azzopardi.
Partizan: Omerovic — Radovic, Rojevic, Kolb, Kalicanin, Vermezovic (Radulovic), Delmas, Varga, Manca, Dimitrijevic (Vucicevic), Klincarski.

Bohemians Dublin 3 (O'Brien 24, 36, Lawless 53)
Glasgow Rangers 2 (McCoist 7, McPherson 29)
HT: 2-2. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Roberts (Wa). Played Sept. 18.
Bohemians: O'Neill — Connell, Power, Murphy, Lawless, Doolin, Wyse, Reynor, Jameson, O'Brien, Shelley.
Rangers: Walker — McKinnon, Dawson, McClelland, Paterson, Redford, McPherson, C. Fraser, Clark, McCoist, Cooper.

Glentoran 1 (Bowers 2)
Standard Liege 1 (Talan 59)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Hope (Scot). Played Sept. 18.
Glentoran: Hillen — Neill, Stewart, Strain, McQue, Cleary, Morrison, Bowers, Manley, Mullan, Blackledge.
Standard: Bodaert — Luyckx, Snelders, Wintacq, Aussens, Delangere, Dardenne, Hellers, Talan, Raevn, Grundel.

KR Reykjavik 0
Queen's Park Rangers 3 (Stainrod 24, 76, Bannister 64)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** O'Donnelly (NI). Played Sept. 18.
KR: Johannsson — Bjarnsson, Leifsson, Haraldsson, Petursson (Herbertsson), Einarsson, Johnnsson, Gislasson, Rafnsson, Gudmundsson, Orlygsson (Helgasson).
QPR: Hucker — Neil, Dawes, Fereday (Stewart), Wicks, Fenwick, Micklewhite, Fillery, Bannister (Charles), Stainrod, Gregory.

Videoton 1
Dukla Praha 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Namoglu (Tur). Played Sept. 18.
Videoton: Koszta — Vegh, L. Disztl, Csuhay, G. Horvath — Burcsa, Csongradi, Vadasz — Majer, Szabo, Novath.
Dukla: Stromsik — Bazant, Fiala, Kluczky, Rada — Viger, Pelc (Urban 71), Vizek, Belak (Kriz 80) — Korejik, Vana.

Widzew Lodz 2 (Dziekanowski 21 pen, Swiatek 52)
Aarhus GF 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Berisa (Yug). Played Sept. 20.
Widzew: Bolesta — Kaminski, Dziuba, Swiatek, Myslinski — Jaworski (Kuniczuk 83), Wraga, Wijas, Kajrys (Leszczyk 64) — Dziekanowski, Smolarek.
AGF: Rasmusen — Wachman (Svenningsen 47), Groenbeck, Stampe, Olsen — Moerup (Mortensen 67), Donnerup, Andersen, Hansen — Scheapers, Christensen.

Sportul Studentesc 1 (M. Sandu 84)
Internazionale 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Lamo Castillo (Sp). Played Sept. 20.
Sportul: Speriatu — Mihail, I. Munteanu, Cazan, Iorgulescu, Pana, Tehres (G. Munteanu 88), Bozesan (Serbanica 83), Sandu, Coras, Hagi.
Inter: Zenga — Bergomi, G. Baresi, Mandorlini, Collovati, Bini, Causio, Marini, Altobelli, Brady, Muraro (Pasinato 78).

Red Boys Differdange 0
Ajax Amsterdam 0
Att: 2,300. **Ref:** Nielsen (Den).
Red Boys: Valli — Michaux, Kuffer, Krämer, Scheuer, Schmidt (Marinelli 65) — De Stephanis, Serrias — Heyar, Simon (Schreiner 66), Muller.
Ajax: Galje — Filooy, Rijkaard, Spelbos, Boeve — Keoman, Schönaker — Vanenberg, Gasselich (Bosman 65), Van Basten, De Wit.

CHAMPIONS' CUP
First round, second legs — all Oct. 3

Benfica 2 (Carlos Manuel 74, 80)
Red Star Belgrade 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Pauly (WG).
Benfica 4-3 on aggregate
Benfica: Bento — Pietra, Oliveira, Samuel, Alvaro, Carlos Manuel, Shehu (Nivaldo 68), Manniche, Jorge Silva, Wando (Jose Luis 66), Diamantino.
Red Star: Ivkovic — Krivokapic, Krdzevic, Elsner, Miletovic, Sugar, Sestic, B. Durovski (Jankovic 81), Nikolic, Janjanin (Milovanovic 68).

Beveren 5 (Albert 20, Schonberger 30, Theunis 55, Christaens 70, Gorez 88)
IA Akranes 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 6,800. **Ref:** Gilson (Lux).
Beveren 7-2 on aggregate
Beveren: De Wilde — Gorez, Pfaff, Lubbers, Baecke — Stolmans, Schoenberger, Theunis — Creve (Moes 86), Christians, Albert.
Akranes: Sigurdsson — G. Thordarsson, Axelsson, Larusson, Halldorsson, Omarsson (Johansson 58), Hakonarsson, K. Thordarsson, Jonsson, Trygvarsson, Sveinsson.

Bilbao 0
Bordeaux 0
Att: 40,000. **Ref:** Ponnet (Bel).
Bordeaux 3-2 on aggregate
Bilbao: Zubizarreta — Urquiaga (Arrien 75), Liceranzu, Goicoechea, Nunez, De Andres, Gallego, Noriega, Urtubi, Dani, Argote (Sarabia 20).
Bordeaux: Dropsy — Thouvenel, Specht, Battiston, Rohr, Girard, Tusseau, Giresse, Lassagne, Lacombe, Muller (Martinez 77).

Dniepr 3 (Litovchenko 46, 67, Nedzhati own goal 73)
Trabzonspor 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Halle (Nor). Played in Krivoi Rog.
Dniepr 3-1 on aggregate
Dnepr: Krakovsky — Bashkirov, Vishnevsky, Puchkov, Lisenko, Dilai, Bagmut, Litovchenko, Serebrianski (Kuznetsov 46), Protasov, Taran (Lyuti 80).
Trabzonspor: Turgay, Necati, Kemal, K. Senol, Osman, Güngör, Bahattin, Tuncay, Lemi (Selim 85), K. Hasan.

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LEAGUE STANDINGS IN SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

BRAZIL: Carioca League (Guanabara state championship)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Flamengo	9	7	1	1	20	5	15
Fluminense	7	6	1	0	14	3	13
Botafogo	8	4	3	1	12	5	11
Bangu	8	4	3	1	14	8	11
America	9	4	3	2	10	5	11
Vasco da Gama	7	4	0	3	9	8	8
Americano	8	3	1	4	3	7	7
Campo Grande	8	2	2	4	4	7	6
Volta Redonda	8	1	4	3	7	13	6
Goytacaz	8	1	3	5	8	13	5
Friburguense	8	0	2	6	6	21	2
Olaria	8	0	1	7	4	16	1

Sao Paulo State League (after 20 games): 1. Santos 26pts; Palmeiras 25; 3. Sao Paulo 23; 4. Corinthians 22; 5. America 21; 6. Ponte Preta 19: 7. Guarani 18; 8. Santo Andre, Internacional & 15 de Piracicaba 16; 11. Botafogo & Marilia 15; 13. Portuguesa 13; 14. Juventus & Sao Bento 12; 16. Comercial & 15 de Jau 11; 18. Ferroviaria 9; 19. Taquaritinga 3; 20. Taubate 2.

Mineiro Championship: 1. Cruzeiro 18pts; 2. Guarani 17; 3. America, Uberlandia, Vila Nova & Democrata SL 14; 7. Tupi & Uberaba 11; 9. Atletico Mineiro, Nacional, Democrata GV & Alfenense 10; 13. Caldense 8; 14. Valeriodoce 5.

CHILE: First Division

North zone	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colo Colo	10	8	2	0	19	4	18
Cobreloa	10	6	2	2	19	5	14
Cobresal	10	6	2	2	14	10	14
Deportes Arica	10	5	3	2	17	15	13
Deportes Iquique	10	5	1	4	12	13	11
Santiago Wanderers	10	3	4	3	12	11	10
Magallanes	10	4	2	4	12	16	10
Regional Antofagasta	10	3	3	4	9	13	9
Union San Felipe	10	4	1	5	8	11	9
Palestino	10	3	2	5	19	17	8
San Luis	10	2	4	4	10	15	8
Deportes La Serena	10	1	4	5	7	13	6
Regional Atacama	10	0	3	7	10	26	3

South zone	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Naval	10	6	2	2	15	5	14
Union Española	10	5	4	1	14	7	14
Universidad de Chile	10	6	1	3	15	6	13
Transandino	10	5	2	3	24	14	12
Universidad Catolica	10	5	2	3	18	11	12
Everton	10	4	4	2	7	9	12
Audax Italiano	10	4	2	4	11	8	10
O'Higgins	10	3	3	4	11	15	9
Huachipato	10	2	3	5	15	19	7
Rangers	10	2	3	5	9	14	7
Fernandez Vial	10	2	2	6	6	12	6
Coquimbo	10	2	1	7	4	19	5
Green Cross	10	1	3	6	5	21	5

PARAGUAY: First Division (3rd stage)

Section A — Sportivo Luqueño, Sol de America & Cerro Porteño 7pts; River Plate 6; Guarani 3.

Section B — Libertad 9; Olimpia 7; Colegiales 6; Tembetary 5; Nacional 3.

VENEZUELA: Professional Championship (final round)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Universidad de los Andes	5	4	1	0	12	3	9
Atketico Zamora	5	4	0	1	10	6	8
Deportiva Italia	5	2	2	1	6	4	8*
Tachira	5	3	1	1	8	5	7
Portugues	5	2	0	3	7	11	4
Portuguesa	5	1	1	3	2	5	3
San Cristobal	5	1	0	4	3	9	3*
Estudiantes	5	0	1	4	3	8	1

*Deportiva Italia and San Cristobal received two and one bonus points respectively for finishing first and second in regular season tournament.

COLOMBIA: Professional Championship (2nd stage)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
America Cali	20	10	9	1	32	14	29
Millionarios Bogotá	20	11	6	3	36	14	28
Nacional Medellin	20	9	7	4	30	20	25
Junior Barranquilla	20	10	4	6	25	24	24
Independiente Medellin	20	6	10	4	21	15	22
Bucaramanga	20	9	3	8	24	27	21
Pereira	20	7	6	7	21	28	20
Union Magdalena	20	8	3	9	21	23	19
Independiente Santa Fe	20	6	6	8	23	25	18
Tolima	20	5	7	8	20	23	17
Deportivo Cali	20	5	7	8	20	25	17
Caldas	20	6	4	10	18	26	16
Cucuta	20	1	10	9	20	32	12
Quindio	20	3	6	11	16	31	12

BOLIVIA: Professional Championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oriente Petrolero	22	15	5	2	54	23	35
Blooming	21	15	2	4	55	24	32
Bolivar	22	13	5	4	48	16	31
The Strongest	21	11	5	5	50	28	27
Wilsterman	22	12	3	7	47	28	27
Petrolero	22	9	6	7	29	33	24
San José	22	5	11	7	38	36	21
Chaco	22	9	3	10	36	38	21
Aurora	22	5	9	8	27	32	19
Guabira	22	8	3	11	33	46	19
Real Santa Cruz	21	6	4	11	22	33	16
Municipal	21	5	2	14	19	44	12
Magisterio	22	4	4	14	24	67	12
Primero de Mayo	22	3	3	16	20	54	9

ECUADOR: First Division (final round — after five games)

1. Nacional Quito 9pts; 2. Tecnico Universitario (Ambato) 7; 3. Universidad Catolica (Quito) 6; 4. Liga Deportiva Universitaria (Quito) & Nueve de Octubre 5; 6. Barcelona (Guayaquil), Emelic (Guayaquil) & Deportivo Quito 4.

URUGUAY: First Division (two games to play)

1. Peñarol, Nacional & Central Español 31; 4. Danubio 29; 5. Wanderers 25; 6. Rampla Juniors 24; 7. Defensor & Bella Vista 23; 9. Progreso 17; 10. Huracán Buceo 16; 11. Cerro 14; 12. Sud America 13; 13. Miramar 11.

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV	7	5	2	0	24	6	12
Ajax	6	5	2	0	24	6	12
Volendam	7	4	2	1	12	12	10
Utrecht	7	3	3	1	18	7	9
Feyenoord	7	4	1	2	17	12	9
Groningen	7	4	1	2	16	11	9
Sparta	7	4	1	2	11	12	9
Roda	7	4	0	3	12	13	8
Den Bosch	6	2	2	1	7	2	6
Twente	6	3	0	3	14	15	6
Excelsior	7	1	4	2	8	11	6
GAE	7	3	0	4	13	17	6
MW	7	2	1	4	9	18	5
AZ'67	7	1	2	4	9	10	4
Haarlam	7	1	2	4	8	13	4
Sittard	6	1	1	4	7	13	3
NAC	7	0	2	5	5	13	2
Zwolle	7	1	0	8	3	20	2

MEXICO: First Division

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leon	5	2	3	0	9	7	7
Necaxa	5	1	2	2	7	7	4
America	5	0	4	1	6	7	4
Universidad Nuevo Leon	5	1	1	3	4	6	3
Neza	5	1	1	3	8	11	3

Group 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Univers. Autonoma Mexico	5	4	0	1	15	6	8
Tampico-Madero	5	2	2	1	9	7	6
Angeles	5	1	3	1	10	10	5
Atlas	5	1	3	1	6	9	5
Morelia	5	0	3	2	7	10	3

Group 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cruz Azul	5	4	0	1	8	6	8
Potosino	5	3	1	1	7	6	7
Atlante	5	2	2	1	6	5	6
Universidad Guadalajara	5	2	2	1	8	7	6
Monterrey	5	0	3	2	6	10	3

Group 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Puebla	5	2	1	2	9	6	5
Guadalajara	5	2	1	2	7	6	5
Zacatepec	5	2	1	2	5	7	5
Univers. Auton. Guadalajara	5	1	2	2	3	4	4
Toluca	5	0	4	1	5	6	4

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Anderlecht	7	4	3	0	26	7	11
Ghent	7	8	3	0	19	7	11
Club Brugge	7	4	2	1	11	8	10
Lokeren	7	4	1	2	13	13	9
Standard	7	3	2	2	13	11	8
Liegeois	7	2	4	1	10	7	8
KV Mechelen	7	1	5	1	11	7	7
Beveren	7	3	1	3	11	8	7
Weregem	7	3	1	3	11	11	7
Kortrijk	7	2	3	2	11	11	7
Seresein	7	2	3	2	9	10	7
Cecle	7	1	4	2	7	9	8
Antwerp	7	1	4	2	7	10	6
St Niklaas	7	1	3	3	8	9	5
Waterschei	7	1	3	3	3	8	5
Beerschot	7	2	1	4	9	16	5
R. Jet	7	2	1	4	10	19	5
Lierse	7	1	0	8	4	20	2

ENGLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham	8	5	1	2	20	9	16
Arsenal	8	5	1	2	17	10	18
Nottingham	8	5	1	2	17	9	16
Manchester Utd	8	3	5	0	14	5	14
Sheffield Wed	8	4	2	2	15	11	14
Everton	8	4	2	2	16	18	14
Chelsea	8	3	3	2	11	7	12
West Ham	8	3	3	2	9	10	12
Ipswich	8	2	5	1	11	8	11
Newcastle	8	3	2	3	18	19	11
Liverpool	8	2	4	2	12	12	10
QPR	7	2	4	1	14	14	10
Sunderland	8	2	4	2	9	9	10
Aston Villa	8	3	1	4	11	18	10
Norwich	8	2	3	3	10	13	9
Leicester	8	2	3	3	11	15	9
West Bromwich	8	2	2	4	12	12	8
Southampton	8	1	4	3	10	13	7
Luton	8	1	3	4	8	15	8
Stoke	7	1	3	3	7	14	6
Coventry	8	1	2	5	5	11	6
Watford	8	0	4	4	16	20	4

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bordeaux	10	8	2	0	18	8	18
Nantes	10	7	1	2	21	10	15
Auxerre	10	5	3	2	15	8	13
Nancy	10	5	2	3	15	9	12
Bastia	10	5	2	3	11	17	12
Móneco	10	4	3	3	22	10	11
Leval	10	4	3	3	10	10	11
Metz	10	5	1	4	12	17	11
Lens	10	4	2	4	11	10	10
Toulouse	10	4	2	4	14	14	10
RC Paris	10	5	0	4	11	20	10
Paris SG	10	3	3	4	17	17	8
Strasbourg	10	3	2	5	17	15	8
Sochaux	10	3	2	5	15	15	8
Brest	10	2	4	4	13	14	8
Toulon	10	3	2	5	10	15	8
Rouen	10	2	3	5	7	11	7
Lille	10	2	3	5	7	11	7
Marseille	10	3	1	6	10	19	7
Toursa	10	1	3	6	12	20	5

PERU: De-centralised Championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sport Boys	11	6	4	1	12	6	16
Union Huaral	11	6	2	3	11	7	14
Torino	11	5	3	3	16	14	13
Alianza Lima	11	4	5	2	6	4	13
Sporting Cristal	11	4	4	3	17	11	12
Melgar	11	4	4	3	9	7	12
Colegio Nac. Iquitos	11	4	3	4	10	11	11
Universitario	11	5	0	6	17	15	10
Bolognesi	11	4	2	5	7	11	10
Huancayo	11	4	2	5	10	16	10
Diablos Rojos	11	2	5	4	6	9	9
Asoc. Deportiva Tarma	11	2	5	4	6	11	9
Universidad de Cajamarco	11	3	2	6	11	12	8
Sport Pilsen	11	2	3	6	10	15	7

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting	5	5	0	0	17	4	10
Portimonense	5	4	0	1	15	8	8
Porto	5	4	0	1	10	2	8
Boavisto	5	3	2	0	8	3	8
Braga	5	3	1	1	8	4	7
Benefica	5	3	1	1	6	3	7
Belenenses	5	2	2	1	12	9	6
Farense	5	2	2	1	2	2	6
Varziln	5	1	2	2	8	9	4
Setúbal	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
Vizela	5	1	1	3	5	7	3
Guimarses	5	1	1	3	5	9	3
Ac. Coimbre	5	1	0	4	7	12	2
Penafiel	5	1	0	4	4	15	2
Salgueiros	5	0	1	4	13	20	1
Rio Ave	5	0	1	4	1	10	1

WEST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern	6	6	0	0	18	5	12
Borussia Mg	6	3	2	1	16	13	8
Hamburg	6	2	4	0	8	8	8
W. Bremen	6	3	1	2	15	11	7
Mannheim	6	2	3	1	7	6	7
Kaiserslautern	6	2	3	1	11	9	7
Leverkusen	6	2	3	1	10	10	7
E. Frankfurt	6	2	3	1	11	11	7
Uerdingen	6	3	0	3	12	10	6
Düsseldorf	6	2	2	2	14	13	6
Schalke	6	2	2	2	13	13	6
Karlsruher	6	1	4	1	12	13	6
Köln	6	2	1	3	13	18	5
Bochum	6	1	3	2	9	12	5
Stuttgart	6	2	0	4	18	14	4
Bielefeld	6	0	3	3	5	15	3
Dortmund	6	1	0	5	8	18	2
Braunschweig	6	1	0	5	10	17	2

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All the fire seems to have gone out of Pogon, for they also lost at home in the UEFA Cup, 1-0 to Cologne, Bein doing the damage in the 71st minute in front of a 20,000 crowd. Pogon were thus eliminated on a 3-1 aggregate.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

ZILINA have been fined 3,000 crowns for their supporters' "bad behaviour" during and after the 4-0 home defeat by Dukla Banska Bystrica.

The announcement of the fine, in the daily newspaper *Ceskoslovensky Sport*, did not say what form the bad behaviour took but it seems a section of the 6,000 crowd vented in some way their frustration at their team's poor showing in this match and in the season in general.

A brace each from the visitors' Miskuf and Takac left Zilina third from bottom after four matches.

Beneath them, unexpectedly and firmly, were Slovan Bratislava, who were being hammered all over the place, a 5-0 defeat at Bohemians being followed by a comprehensive 7-1 thrashing at Dukla Prague.

Bohemians were going great guns, for their victory over Slovan was followed by a decisive 3-1 win at Sparta and a 4-0 pasting at home of Banska Bystrica. These results naturally left them top of the table.

Tibor Micinec and Petr Janecka were Bohemians' main scorers, Janecka scoring a brace against Slovan and one in both the other games, while Micinec got two against Banska Bystrica and also scored one in each of the other matches.

Goals has been the name of the game in Czechoslovakia. There has been a lot of them. In one weekend, no fewer than 36 were scored in the eight First Division matches.

Unfortunately, crowds remain small. Only 1,000 saw Dukla's demolition of Slovan; Zilina, winning a match at last, 4-0 at home to bottom-placed Presov, had already alienated too many of their fans, and only 2,000 saw this match. The highest attendance of this high-scoring weekend was 10,000 at Olomouc. And these fans saw their side thrashed 4-0 by Cheb, so no doubt a lot of them will not be returning for a while.

RUMANIA

THERE was great excitement and high jubilation in Craiova when Universitatea entertained Spain's Real Betis in the UEFA Cup.

Betis came with a 1-0 lead from the first leg, but a goal from Cirtu a minute into the second half of the return cancelled out that, and, with 1-1 remaining the aggregate score even after extra time, the tie was decided on penalties — which Craiova won 5-3.

Universitatea were slipping in the league after a good start, which was a big disappointment to their supporters, for, with the side finishing third last season, a challenge for the title was expected this term.

Although in the opening match Craiova dropped a home point in a 1-1 draw with Rapid Bucharest, they followed this up with a good 1-0 away win at Baia Mare and a 2-0 home victory over Bacau. But then they dropped another home point, drawing 3-3 with Politehnica IASI.

Steaua Bucharest led the standings after six matches with 11 points, followed by reigning champions Dinamo Bucharest on ten, Brasov on nine and Sportul Studentesc on seven with a game in hand.

Steaua's sole dropped point came on the opening day, when they were held to a goalless draw at home to Arges Pitesti.

ALBANIA

CHAMPIONS Labinoti have made an indifferent start to this season's campaign.

After four matches they were languishing halfway in the table. Nentori and Luftetari were setting the pace with seven points each, followed by Dinamo Tirana with six points and Tomori with five.

BULGARIA

LOKOMOTIV SOFIA continued to make the running, having a 100 per cent record after six matches.

Trakia and Botev came next with eight points each and Sliven and Levski Spartak remained in contention with seven points.

CSKA Sofia recovered from their disastrous start by winning 3-0 at Beroe. They still have a lot to do to pull themselves clear of the danger zone however.

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of his boyhood dreams.

Mølby had resigned himself to Ajax reserves until a welter of English clubs showed interest. He was linked with Manchester City and Sheffield Wednesday before Liverpool asked him for a trial game in Dublin.

"It was a really lucky break," he admitted with a big grin. "I didn't believe it at first. I had only one game and they decided to sign me. Liverpool — the best team in Europe.

"And it is very easy to play for them because they play passing. They just say 'go out and play'. It suits me."

The Liverpool secret is safe with their latest recruit!

Both the Danes are enjoying the English league despite its somewhat frenetic and thoughtless pace at times.

And both love the roaring atmosphere the fans create, even if it is partly to blame for the 100 mph soccer.

Mølby said: "The spectators make many of the games, just with their noise."

Olsen added: "It is a fantastic atmosphere at Old Trafford. I was used to crowds of perhaps 10,000 in Holland. In Denmark it was just 2,000. At United there are 50,000 every game.

"The people are really friendly too. And the other players. It is very easy to fit in, and there are no problems with the language."

All Danes speak fluent English, as anyone who has visited Denmark knows.

It doesn't work two ways, however, although Olsen admitted it was almost a home from home after the Liverpool match at Old Trafford when he was besieged and peppered with questions by the travelling Danish press corps — 15 strong.

And Mølby has learned that his name will never be written, never mind pronounced, properly.

It is spelt Mølby, with the Danish Ø. But English typewriters and printers have difficulty coping with that.

TV commentator Martin Tyler is the only one who has attempted a correct pronunciation of the name, "Moulbue", not "Molbee", as everyone else has taken to.

Tyler said: "I try to say it properly, but I'm thinking of changing and saying it the way everybody has settled for, to avoid confusion."

As for Mølby? He said: "I don't mind at all."

He is just very happy to be here, if only because it has proved a passport to the national side.

Neither Olsen nor Mølby figured much in Denmark's European Championship venture. But both have settled into the Danish team since.

Mølby said: "It is because I am playing for Liverpool." He starred in a solid 3-1 victory against Austria, the goals scored by Michael Laudrup, Henrik Eigenbrod and Flemming Christensen.

Eigenbrod has just returned from a stint with AZ67 to OB. Christensen has gone back to Lyngby from St Etienne, but he, like Vejle's John Sivebaek, is being watched by Manchester United.

Jesper Olsen helped set up Denmark's goal, scored by Preben Elkjaer, in the 1-0 win over Norway in the first World Cup qualifying match.

He too is glad to be back as a regular for his country.

Norway are one of Denmark's oldest rivals and it is always a tough match. Olsen said the goal came just at a time when the Danish players were beginning to think they would never get past Norway's frustrating defence.

A 1-0 win may have been a little disappointing for a capacity 45,000 crowd in the Idraetsparken, but the win was the important thing.

By the end of the year Allan Simonsen may be back in the team as well, perhaps for the game with Ireland on November 14.

He is hoping to play in Vejle's last few games to boost their title challenge.

After 22 of 30 rounds they lay top on 30 points, one ahead of AGF on 29 and champions Lyngby third on 28. It looks like being an exciting run in to the finish, with Vejle the favourites, especially after a 2-1 win away at Lyngby in the 22nd round.

The return of the popular Simonsen could clinch it, to make it a fairytale ending for him in the proper Danish tradition of Hans Christian Andersen.

Olsen, though, already seems to have learnt that lesson. His manager, Ron Atkinson, believes he didn't need to.

Atkinson said: "He's a great little competitor. The TV people said he doesn't do much off the ball. It had our players in stitches. He's kicked everyone on the staff here in training already."

Against Liverpool, Olsen made countless tackles before tiring visibly late in the game. It was an unexpected but greatly appreciated bonus for the Old Trafford faithful, who have taken him to their hearts.

But what Olsen and Mølby have both brought to England, which is of far more importance, is a sublime level of skill not seen so often in the rough and tumble Football League.

Their skills have been honed in the organised Danish soccer system. Both began playing as six-year-olds with their home town clubs.

Olsen played for the tiny Faxe club before moving to top flight Naestved as a 16-year-old. Mølby joined Kolding when aged six and rose through their youth sides to make the first team, playing in the first division as a 16-year-old, too.

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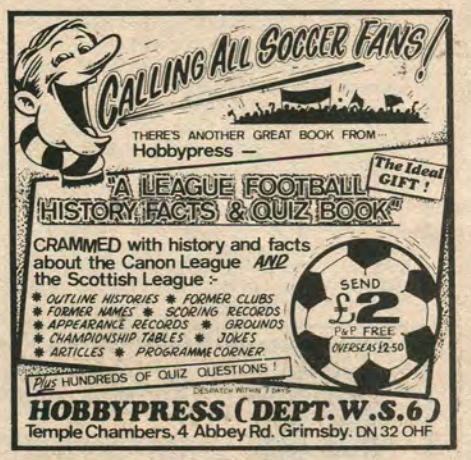

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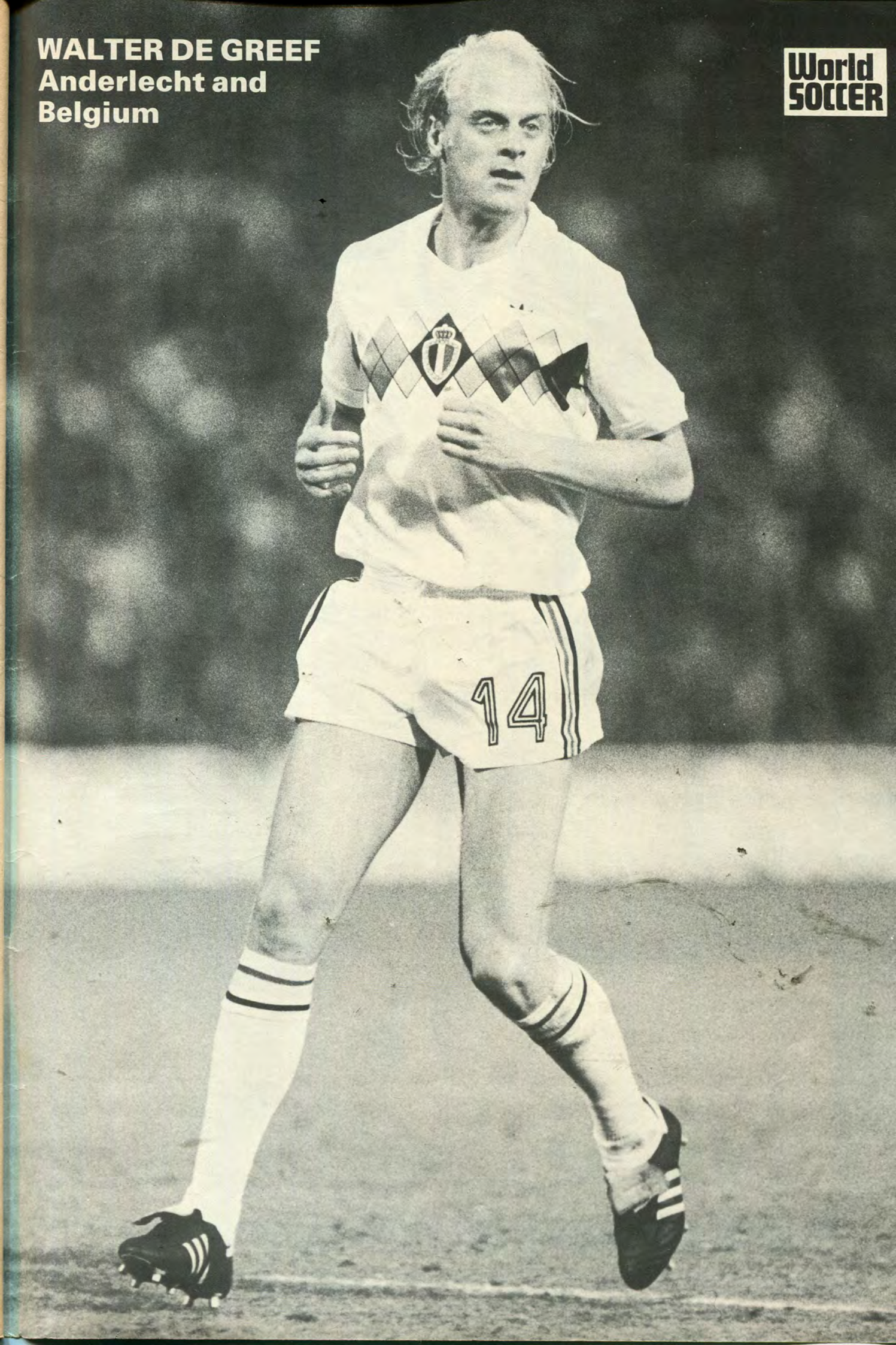

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